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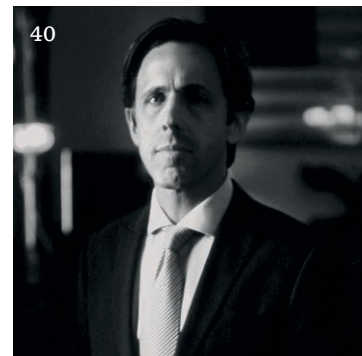
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A Better Future? We Can Do This

➤ **Enough of yesterday.** There are things about tomorrow worth heralding. Among them are the ambitious and the caring individuals in our broad community who have tied their futures to the rule of law.

What that translates into in these pages are the stories of adversity and overcoming,



of accrued wisdom and determination told by five new 1Ls in their admission essays (page 26). It manifests in the rather uncommon choice—for risk-averse lawyers, at least—to embrace the tumult and disruption of a startup culture built on innovation, which, by definition, is focused on the horizon (page 18). It is felt in the heat of a guest lecturer's declaration: "In the overall discussion of racism, we have three tasks: naming racism, asking how racism is operating here, and organizing and strategizing to act in ways that will propel us forward" (page 14).

Boston College Law School is a place, a pipeline, and a professional touchstone. That is what makes educational institutions like this one powerful—their very job is to find, nurture, then launch people prepared not only to handle whatever comes next, but also to do so in better and more imaginative ways than ever before. A tall order, yes, but particularly important in times such as this, when democracy faces new challenges that require inspired solutions. As third-year student Matt Burton said in an interview (page 10): "It's foolish to think any of us will die in a just society,

but important to look back knowing we did everything we could to make this a better world."

The propulsive nature of BC Law's mandate to educate toward the greater good creates energy attractive to prospective students and seasoned alumni alike. It is energy with its eye on the prize of a word inherently future-focused: leadership.

Dean Vincent Rougeau understands that. For his year as president of the American Association of Law Schools, he has chosen the theme, "Freedom, Equality, and the Common Good" (page 4).

David Simas '95, CEO of the Obama Foundation and a frequent speaker at BC Law, also understands that. His talks always point toward better tomorrows. "Our North Star is all around civic leadership," he said at the Reunion 2020 keynote in November (page 40). "I can think of no one better than people who have gone through Boston College Law School—with the ethos and the values that it has—to be part of [the] solution" to the nation's problems.

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Regional Chapters & Affinity Groups Alumni gather to socialize, network, and stay connected. Our newest group, Graduates Of the Last Decade (GOLD), fosters community among recent graduates. Contact us to start or join a chapter or affinity group, or to help organize an event.

Class Agents Agents are intermediaries between the school and alumni and keep classmates informed, engaged, and invested in BC Law's future success in between reunion years.

Reunion Committees The most successful reunions result when engaged volunteers serve on their Reunion Committee. Committees begin forming the summer prior to reunion weekend, and members spend about two hours per month on committee work.

Ambassador Program Law firm ambassadors promote engagement with and giving to BC Law among alumni at firms with a BC Law presence. The volunteers provide the Law School with perspective on the legal industry, mentor and recruit students, and partner with advancement to strengthen the alumni community.

CONNECT WITH STUDENTS

Mentoring Program The 1L Mentor Program matches students with alumni in the city where they want to live and in the practice area they are considering. Mentors serve as informal advisors between students' first- and second-year summers.

Judging Oral Advocacy Competitions Hundreds of students participate in four in-house competitions: Negotiations (fall), Client Counseling (fall), Mock Trial (fall in 2021), and Moot Court (spring). Alumni from all career areas are needed to judge these competitions.

INVEST IN OUR FUTURE

Advancing Excellence When you give to BC Law, you have a meaningful impact on our entire community. Your gifts sustain everything from scholarships that attract and retain talented students to faculty research grants that keep BC Law at the forefront of scholarship.

Named Scholarships Student scholars are selected each academic year based on a number of factors, such as leadership, financial need, academic excellence, and public service achievements.

Law School Fund Gifts to the annual

fund provide immediate financial support for many of BC Law's most important needs. Key funding priorities have included financial aid, public interest summer stipends, post-graduate fellowships, and faculty research grants.

Dean's Council Giving Societies

In appreciation for leadership-level gifts, members receive invitations to special receptions and events and enjoy membership in comparable University-wide societies. To learn more, visit bc.edu/lawgivingsocieties.

Drinan Society This society recognizes loyal donors. Drinan Society members have given to BC Law for two or more consecutive years, and sustaining members have given for five or more consecutive years. The society is named for Robert F. Drinan, SJ, who served as dean of BC Law, 1956 to 1970.

Alumni Association Dues Program Dues exclusively fund alumni activities and events. Support the program by visiting bc.edu/lawdues.

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What About Universal Basic Income?

I was happy to see *BC Law* advancing proposals for change responsive to the environmental, social, political and health “pandemics” we’re experiencing (“The Vision Project,” Summer 2020). [I’m] surprised, though, given the values that have sustained Boston College Law School, that among the economic proposals there is no call for Universal Basic Income, as we know poverty is a complicating factor in all these situations. ...[W]e need a means, in addition to employment, for distributing capital in our society to maintain a sustainable economy. This becomes increasingly

paramount as the response of businesses to these pandemics is greater utilization of automation and technology, thereby eliminating jobs.

Lawrence “Larry” Johnson ’75

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A Pleasant Surprise

I would like to congratulate you on your excellent Summer 2020 issue of *BC Law Magazine*. My father, James Houghteling, was a professor at BC Law from the mid-1960’s until his death in 1990. He loved his teaching, his colleagues, starting with Father Drinan, and his students. I picked up this issue, thinking I would scan it quickly to get a sense of what was going on at the Law School, but instead got very absorbed in the in-depth examination and soul-searching of what the Law School can do to prepare lawyers to fight for social justice. BRAVO!

Robert Houghteling

Oakland, CA

I Am Why Publishes Book

The organization of young women and gender expansive activists featured in the Winter 2020 issue has launched an art and social justice book titled *I Am Why: Reclaiming the Lens*. It can be ordered at iamwhy.org/book.

Sentenced! Missing Mailbox Saga Ends

Former Honolulu prosecutor Katherine Kealoha and former police chief Louis Kealoha were sentenced in November by Chief US District Judge J. Michael Seabright of the District of Hawaii to thirteen years and nine years, respectively, for crimes that ballooned into the biggest corruption scandal in Hawaii’s history (Summer 2018 issue).

The triggering incident was a “stolen” mailbox. Federal defender Alexander Silvert ’84 set in motion the series of cases that ended in 2020 with the couple’s imprisonment for conspiracy, bank fraud, and other charges.

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Edel Rodriguez

ILLUSTRATOR Cuban-born Rodriguez came to America during the 1980 Mariel Boatlift. The family settled in Miami where he was influenced by American pop culture. Social justice, poster art, and western advertising continue to inform his work. He has created newspaper and magazine covers for clients such as *TIME*, *Newsweek*, *Der Spiegel*, and *The New Republic*. In this issue, he sought to communicate the creativity that entrepreneurs bring to their work, how an idea starts as a simple thought, then spreads and impacts millions of people (page 18).



Brett Gannon '21

WRITER Gannon is a third-year student at Boston College Law School, where he focuses on criminal public interest law. For this issue, Gannon interviewed Professor Lawrence Gennari, founder of the Project Entrepreneur Clinic, and one of his budding entrepreneurs, Carlos Montes, exploring how the business community can better serve citizens returning from periods of incarceration (page 22). In conjunction with his legal studies, Gannon is receiving his MSW from the BC School of Social Work. After graduation, he will join the Colorado State Public Defender’s Office as a Staff Attorney.



Clea Simon

WRITER As an author, Simon explores issues of law and justice in her crime fiction, such as the recent *A Cat on the Case* and the upcoming *Hold Me Down* (Polis). A long-time journalist, she has written on everything from the arts and mental illness to impeachment for publications such as the *American Prospect*, *Boston Globe*, *Boston Phoenix*, *Ms.*, *New York Times*, *Salon*, and *Yankee*. Sitting down (remotely) with Dr. Camara Jones and Dean Vincent Rougeau (page 14) allowed her to draw various interests together within the framework of social justice.



Adam C Bartlett

PHOTOGRAPHER Los Angeles-based Bartlett said about the shoot: It was a great opportunity to meet and work with LA County Superior Court Judge Ramona See ’85. Her collaborative and friendly nature made capturing a strong portrait a seamless experience. She even humored my request that she try talking with her hands, to get some variation in expression, despite her training as a judge not to do so. The courthouse served as an ideal background. I hope these images serve as a fitting salute to Judge See’s legacy in the court and as a BC Law alum (page 12).

Foremost



At a Crossroads in Our History

Marshalling the forces of law as AALS president. BY DEAN VINCENT ROUGEAU

I sometimes find it hard to wrap my head around everything that happened in 2020, and as we move into 2021 I feel a real sense of gratitude and hope for better days ahead for all of us. One big change for me this year is that I began my term as president of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) at the group's annual meeting in January. BC Law has a long tradition of providing presidents to the AALS; Dean Richard Huber and Dean John Garvey also served as AALS presidents. I am honored to continue this legacy. ¶ The AALS serves two distinct missions: It brings together law faculty and administrators from around the country and many parts of the world every January to dive into discussions across the broad range of specialty areas in legal scholarship and education, and to attend plenary sessions that offer all of us the opportunity to hear from prominent figures in law, government, and higher education, to name a few key areas. ¶ The meeting itself is a concrete manifestation of the second key role for the AALS: It serves as the learned society for

"My theme for the coming year is 'Freedom, Equality, and the Common Good.'"

DEAN VINCENT ROUGEAU

law professors. One aspect of running a law school that is often difficult to communicate to those outside of it is the central importance of the faculty's research and scholarship. It is, of course, essential that law schools focus on developing practical skills in students, but law professors are teachers *and* scholars, and their scholarship is critical to the health of the profession and our democracy.

An important recent example of this is scholarship in election law. It is hard to imagine many things more foundational in a democracy than the integrity of elections.

In the weeks before and after the presidential election, we saw numerous challenges to how people vote across the country, and to how the votes were counted and certified. Legal scholars who have spent years studying our election system were called upon to advise on various voting processes around the country, and to offer opinions in court cases that attempted to challenge vote counts or limit the ability of citizens to cast votes. Along with some heroic local election officials, lawyers and legal scholars were the medical professionals who got the patient through the crisis.

Each AALS annual meeting has a theme, and my theme for the coming year is "Freedom, Equality, and the Common Good." As we saw with our presidential election and the Capitol insurrection on January 6, democratic values like equality cannot be fully realized in an election system in which citizen participation is unfairly discouraged or confidence in the system is compromised. We also have seen fissures erupt in American society about the concept of freedom, most fundamentally in terms of how we understand its limits. Is our freedom undermined when we make sacrifices for one another in the face of a deadly threat, or is our understanding of freedom primarily self-referential and unable to exist in a complementary relationship with our responsibilities as members of communities or the common good?

The past year has made clear that we stand at a crossroads in our history as a nation, and it is my privilege to take up the presidency of the AALS in this particular moment. As we consider the year ahead, I am looking forward to having legal scholars from every discipline address this theme and engage the many issues that it raises for our legal system, our politics, our economy, and our democracy.

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FEMALE IMPRIMATUR: WOMEN IN THE LAWBOOK TRADE

This current BC Law Library exhibit was inspired by the 100th anniversary in August 2020 of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which granted suffrage to some—though certainly not all—American women. In the summer before the anniversary, Rare Books Curator

Laurel Davis, Professor Mary Bilder, and Associate Law Librarian Helen Lacouture went digging into our special collections to find lawbooks with imprints featuring women printers and booksellers. The exhibit covers around twenty female printers and booksellers and reaches back 500 years. You'll learn about entrepreneurial widows, women in printing families, the law patent, the Stationers' Company, the great law printer Elizabeth Nutt, and more.



To view the Female Imprimatur exhibit catalog,
go to tinyurl.com/female-imprimatur.

In Brief

The clients were wrongly convicted as a result of faulty forensics, erroneous eyewitness identification, official misconduct, and racial bias.

Free! Again, Again, and Again

The Innocence Program wins release of three clients in 2020.

BY VICKI SANDERS

➤ **The BC Innocence Program (BCIP)** achieved an extraordinary trifecta in 2020. Three clients—Frances Choy, Thomas Rosa Jr., and Ronnie Qualls—who combined were incarcerated for seventy-eight years for crimes they didn't commit, were released from prison. Their cases follow the 2019 release of BCIP client Christopher “Omar” Martinez, whose conviction was vacated after he served twenty years behind bars.

The BCIP secured the releases as a result of faulty forensics, erroneous eyewitness identification, official misconduct, and racial bias.

Frances Choy's case gained national attention as she became the country's first female Asian-American exoneree and the first woman of color exonerated in Massachusetts since 1989. Plymouth County Superior Court Judge Linda Giles vacated Choy's convictions of arson and first degree murder in connection with the 2003 fire at her Brockton home that claimed the lives of her parents when she

was only seventeen. Giles's finding was based on new evidence that someone else committed the crime, exculpatory scientific findings contradicting a state police chemist's trial testimony, and police and prosecutorial misconduct, including racial bias by the trial prosecutors. Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy Cruz—whose office had tried Choy three times—agreed that her convictions should be vacated and entered a *nolle prosequi* dismissing the charges on September 29. BCIP Director

Sharon Beckman and Boston Attorney John J. Barter—assisted by an interdisciplinary team of faculty and BCIP students, including Sarah Carlow '20—represented Choy.

Thomas Rosa was wrongfully convicted following three trials in Suffolk County Superior Court of the 1985 kidnapping and murder of Gwendolyn Taylor in Boston. BCIP Supervising Attorney Charlotte Whitmore and BCIP students joined New England Innocence Project Executive Director Radha Natarajan as co-counsel for Rosa in 2017. BCIP student Kayleigh McGlynn '19, who majored in biology as a BC undergraduate, discovered a discrepancy in prior DNA testing results that led to new scientific evidence undermining eyewitness identification testimony at Rosa's trial. On October 14, Supreme Judicial Court Justice Frank Gaziano granted the motion to release Rosa pending further litigation of his motion for postconviction relief.

Ronnie Qualls was exonerated September 1 after Suffolk County

District Attorney Rachel Rollins filed a *nolle prosequi* formally dismissing charges pending against him in connection with a 1992 double homicide in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood. Qualls, who was tried twice for the murders and served twenty-seven years in prison before his release last March, always maintained his innocence. Qualls's exoneration was based on new DNA evidence BCIP presented in a motion filed jointly with the prosecution that supported the victim's identification of a different man as the person who committed the crime. BCIP's Whitmore and Beckman were Qualls's counsel of record in the case, together with a team of BCIP students, including Rachel Feit '20.

Capping an already extraordinary year, the BC and Committee for Public Counsel Services innocence programs received a \$354,000 grant in October from the US DOJ to support their collaborative mission to investigate and litigate wrongful convictions in Massachusetts. The grant was the largest of its kind in 2020.

The exonerated, clockwise from left, Thomas Rosa (with his son), Frances Choy, and Ronnie Qualls.

BAR PASSAGE RATE

96%

Recent graduates delivered exceptional results on the October 2020 Massachusetts bar exam. BC Law ranked second in Massachusetts for overall passage rate (95.9%) and third in the state for first-time test takers with a passage rate of 95.8%, a 5.9% increase from last year's first-time test takers. The results are due in part to BC Law's Faculty Bar Task Force and its Academic and Bar Success Committee for their extensive data collection and research toward a comprehensive overhaul of the Law School's approach to preparing students for the bar exam.





Lisa Brathwaite

Toward a More Inclusive Campus

Brathwaite heads BC Law's new diversity program.

Lisa Brathwaite, a specialist in legal higher education affinity groups and minority and race issues, has joined BC Law as Director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Programs.

"Lisa's energy, insights, and ideas are sure to inspire our community's DEI efforts for years to come," said Dean Vincent Rougeau. "We are thrilled to welcome such an experienced hand in matters of justice and inclusion to BC Law."

Brathwaite comes to the Law School from the Northeastern School of Law Center for Co-op and Professional Advancement, where she designed and

implemented evidence-based programming for student affinity groups, fostered and maintained relationships with minority bar and professional development associations, and advised affinity groups as well as students navigating personal, professional, and climate-based concerns. She was also a member of the school's Committee Against Institutional Racism.

She is a graduate of Bowdoin College, where she majored in Sociology and Gender and Women's Studies and minored in Africana Studies.

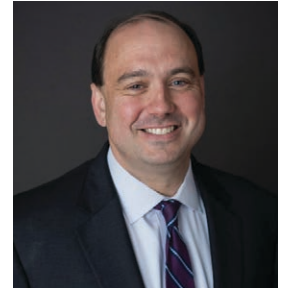
At BC Law, she will work in close partnership with colleagues across student-facing offices and help lead the collaborative effort of the Law School community to provide a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment committed to the success of all students.

GOOD GOVERNANCE MATTERS

A group of BC Law students have put feet to pavement to improve the policies underpinning modern political systems. Their first step was forming the Good Governance Project (GGP), a partnership between the Law School and BC's Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy.

"During my 1L year, I felt that there was not a place or club through which I could pursue my interest in campaign finance reform," GGP President Matthew Victor '22 said. "The Good Governance Project seeks to fill that void, and provide structure and resources for students interested in the critical work of democracy reform."

Next, the organization began forming cohorts of students to leverage their voices on relevant issues like gerrymandering, campaign finance, ranked-choice voting, and voter suppression and



then hosted a kickoff event in October featuring notable reformers in the space.

The speakers were president of American Promise Jeff Clements; entrepreneur and former Tennessee congressman Zach Wamp; and Sara Eskrich, executive director of Democracy Found.

Massachusetts State Senator Jamie Eldridge '00 also spoke and offered these words of encouragement: "I do really think it's important for law students or young lawyers to get involved in your community and raise these issues about all the systemic barriers to improving our democracy and providing common sense policy." —JAMIE EHRLICH '23

AROUND THE ACADEMY



Richard Cordray

As the Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor at BC Law last fall, the former director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and Ohio Attorney General participated in a number of Rappaport Center activities. He taught a seminar, "Consumer Finance Law and Federalism," gave a community address, "Comparing the Economic Effects of the COVID Crisis of 2020 with the Financial Crisis of 2008," and moderated a webinar panel on race and economic justice during the pandemic.



Franita Tolson

The USC Gould School of Law Professor discussed her forthcoming book *In Congress We Trust? Enforcing Voting Rights from the Founding to the Jim Crow Era* with BC Law Professors Mary Bilder and Daniel Farbman. Co-sponsored by the BC Law Legal History Roundtable and BC's Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, the November 13 conversation also turned to the election. A voting rights expert, Tolson was a CNN analyst for the 2020 election.



Angel Taveras

Racial injustice was the topic of an event sponsored by the Latin American Law Student Association (LALSA) and the BC Law Democrats on October 14. Taveras, mayor of Providence, RI, from 2011-2015 and the first Dominican American to hold that office, was one of three panelists. He highlighted barriers that display the unfortunate truth about voting system inequity, but also expressed hope for a brighter future as a result of the widespread mobilization of social justice warriors.



Sandra Leung '84

On October 20, the executive vice president and general counsel at Bristol-Myers Squibb gave the BC Law-Ropes & Gray International IP Summit keynote on the intellectual property challenges that may lie ahead for the biopharma industry. Leung, who is the primary legal advisor to her company's board and senior leadership, said the pandemic changed the world almost overnight, but that the biopharma industry has continued its mission to innovate life-saving medicines and technologies.



Aziz Huq

The University of Chicago Law School scholar joined the American Constitution Society on September 30 for a discussion about how the pandemic has exposed the risks and disappointments of federalism. He called the federal response to the pandemic "calamitous," expressed disappointment with interstate compacts to deal with it, saw in the government's behavior parallels to militaristic nations, but added that legal skills are "useful tools in the protection and vindication of democracy."

Faculty Scholarship

Daniel Coquillette, below, and Bruce Kimball have written a history that acknowledges [Harvard Law's] accomplishments while shining a bright light on its failures—what the Stanford legal historian Robert W. Gordon calls “an unvarnished institutional history for grownups.”

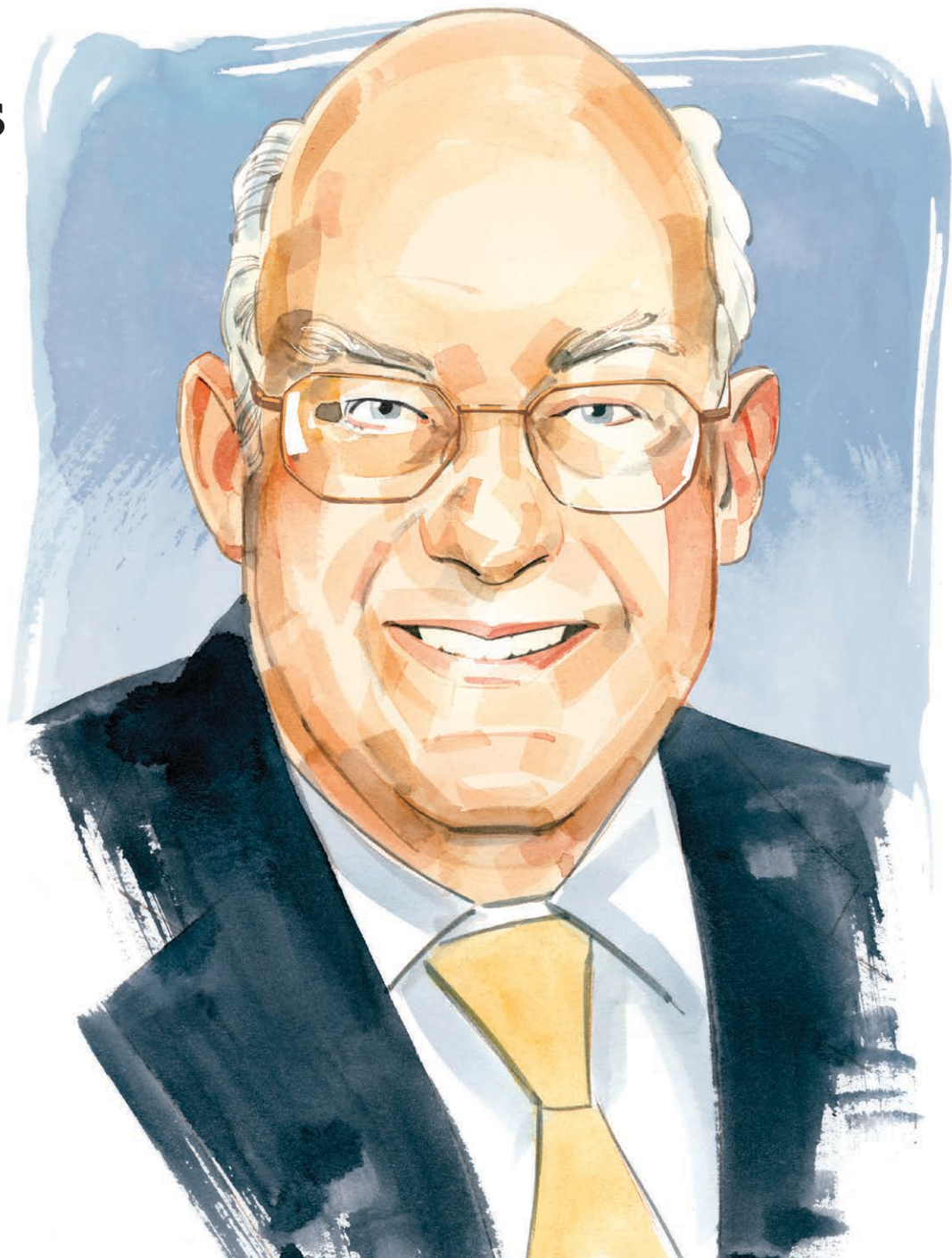
Truth and Consequences

Harvard Law's history, Nazis and all.

BY DAVID REICH

The Idea: *Having set the pattern for legal education and graduated many of the country's most influential jurists, officeholders, and practicing lawyers, Harvard Law School has unparalleled influence among American law schools. A look at the school's 200-plus-year history reveals deep flaws, however: boot camp-style instruction, racist, sexist, and anti-Semitic policies, an entanglement with slavery, a dean who did jail time for tax evasion, and incredibly, another dean, Roscoe Pound, who initially unknowingly hired a Nazi operative as his special assistant and, write Daniel Coquillette and Bruce Kimball, “became one of the most prominent and respected American apologists for the Nazi regime.” While earlier histories of the school have been more circumspect, Coquillette and Kimball have written a history that acknowledges the law school's accomplishments while shining a bright light on its failures—what Robert W. Gordon, the Stanford legal historian, calls “an unvarnished institutional history for grownups.”*

The Impact: *On the Battlefield of Merit*, the first volume of Coquillette and Kimball's history of Harvard Law School, came out in 2015. Shortly after publication, Harvard Law School students began demanding that the school rid itself of its official seal, which—as the book revealed—was based on the coat of arms of the Royall family, the school's first financial benefactors, whose great wealth derived from the toil of slaves. “The book caused trouble,” says Coquillette—among other things, a student sit-in and the



POCKET RÉSUMÉ

Daniel Coquillette **Degrees** BA, *summa cum laude*, Williams, 1966; BA Juris Oxford, 1969; JD, *magna cum laude*, Harvard, 1971. **Clerkships** Clerked for Justice Robert Braucher of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court 1971-1972 and Chief Justice of the United States Warren Burger 1972-1973. **Leadership** Dean of Boston College Law School, 1985-1993. J. Donald Monan, SJ, University Professor, 1996-date. **Writing** Author of many books, including a two-volume history of Harvard Law School coauthored with the educational philosopher Bruce Kimball.

formation of a committee to consider the seal's retirement. By 2016 it had been retired.

The Intellectual Sword, volume 2 of Coquillette and Kimball's history, continues the first volume's critical integrity, starting with a dust cover depicting the staff of the *Harvard Law Review* from 1958: students Nancy Boxler Tepper and Ruth Bader Ginsberg at either end of the panoramic photo and, filling up the middle, fifty-five men.

Harvard Law School accepted its first women students in 1950, and for the next two decades women represented 3 to 4 percent of the student body. Those few who were admitted were treated poorly. Each year, new women students attended a dinner hosted by Dean Erwin Griswold during which each was asked why she was "taking the place of a man." In 1956, when Ruth Ginsberg's turn came, she was holding a full ashtray in her lap, and as she nervously rose to answer, she dumped butts and ashes all over the Griswolds' living room carpet—"one of life's most embarrassing moments," she recalled.

Women students were also subjected to a custom known as ladies day. While professors ignored them on other days, on ladies day the women were peppered with questions about issues like the legal definition of rape and property rights surrounding wedding bands. Sexist treatment didn't end until "a critical mass of women" arrived in the late 1970s, says Coquillette, who credits their advent with reform of the law school's harsh instructional methods.

While the law school's institutional memory includes the early history of women students, the embroilment with Nazis and Nazism of Griswold's predecessor Dean Roscoe Pound, was so deeply

repressed that a main law school building still bears Pound's name. Between 1934 and 1937 the dean, a lover of German culture, visited Germany three times, where he was feted by legal advisers to Hitler and Hitler's SS corps. On his return from one visit, the *New York Herald Tribune* quoted Pound to the effect that "the average German was sincerely in favor of the Hitler regime." Pound demurred on the question of "whether the powers [Hitler] now holds" violated the German constitution. During those years, Pound also accepted an honorary doctorate from the University of Berlin, a coup for Nazi propagandists.

Peter Rees '14, a fluent German speaker who contributed valuable research to the book, discovered that Pound had been targeted by the German government, which hoped the influential dean would depict the Nazi government as normal and nonthreatening. Pound was accompanied on his trips by his special assistant, Anton Chroust, whom US Attorney General Thomas Clark described as "a wholehearted Nazi ... entrusted by the Nazi government with an important mission in this country"—specifically, the cultivation of Pound. The dean employed the German national until the outbreak of World War II, when the FBI took Chroust into custody, after which Pound led efforts to free him.

Having played a role in the downfall of the law school's official seal, does Coquillette believe it's now the time to rename Pound Hall? Paraphrasing the historian Annette Gordon-Reed, he says, "To claim we've taken care of [historical wrongs] because we've changed a symbol is much too easy. You can change a name or symbol, but that doesn't change the history."

FACULTY MILESTONES

A Nod to the Bard Mark Brodin, in an October letter to the *Los Angeles Times* regarding what he called President Trump's "towering high crimes and misdemeanors" and his threats around upcoming election results, invoked Tom Stoppard's satirical Shakespearean play, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*. Brodin drew an analogy between the American people and Stoppard's doomed characters, who bemoaned, "There must have been a moment, at the beginning, where we could have said—no. But somehow we missed it."

Best of the Best Ray Madoff, co-founder of BC Law's Forum on Philanthropy and the Public Good, was among *The Charity Report's* 2020 Exceptional Women, honored for speaking out about inequities and making decisions unpopular with influential people. The honorees "articulated a critique that took guts, intelligence, wit, and steadfastness," the report said.

Well Chosen David Wirth is one of thirteen new Fulbright US Scholar Alumni Ambassadors, whose mission is to increase the program's nationwide visibility and to expand the diversity of future participants. In November, labor law scholar Hiba Hafiz unexpectedly found herself on the Progressive Change Institute's recommended list of hires to President-elect Biden's transition team.

Having Their Say BC Law's public intellectuals made waves in the latter half of 2020. Patricia McCoy appeared in American Public Media's podcast "Spectacular Failures," about Countrywide's role in the 2008 financial crisis. Brian Quinn was quoted in the *Business of Fashion* on the M&A battle surrounding Tiffany and Co. Renee Jones discussed the sizzling IPO market with the *Wall Street Journal*. Kent Greenfield spoke to multiple outlets on everything from election lawsuits to Amy Coney Barrett's ascension to SCOTUS. Daniel Lyons considered big tech censorship in an American Enterprise Institute blog. Michael Cassidy spoke to the *Wall Street Journal* on incomplete recordings in Breonna Taylor's case. Kari Hong commented widely on expedited deportation, DACA, and the Oregon protests.

NOTABLE FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Sanford N. Katz, Darald & Juliet Libby Emeritus Professor, has completed the third edition of *Family Law in America*, which was published by Oxford University Press. New to this edition is a full discussion of same-sex marriage and analysis of the Supreme Court case *Obergefell v. Hodges*, which held that a ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional.

Hiba Hafiz, in "Labor's Antitrust Paradox" (*University of Chicago Law Review*), analyzes the limitations of current labor-antitrust proposals and argues for "regulatory sharing" between antitrust and labor law to combat the adverse effects of employer buyer power. Among her ideas is a restructuring that would refocus labor-antitrust claims on consumer welfare ends.

George Brown writes that the Supreme Court decision in the controversy over the halting of traffic on the George Washington Bridge in 2013 by associates of then-New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, could be the foundation of a "seismic realignment of anti-corruption enforcement in the US." He explains in "Defending Bridgegate" (*Washington and Lee Law Review Online*).

Cheryl Bratt developed an opportunity for first-year students to apply skills they are learning in their legal writing course to real-time representation of individuals in need. "Livening Up 1L Year: Moving Beyond Simulations to Engage 1L Students in Live-Client Work" (*The Second Draft*) models how to create the experience, rare in the first year of law school.

Candid

Emerging from Childhood Tragedy

Matt Burton '21 walks with the working class.

INTERVIEW BY JAEGUN LEE '20

Burton ran as a Democratic candidate for the Massachusetts House of Representatives during his 2L year, ultimately suspending his months-long campaign in the spring of 2020.

I lost my father when I was fourteen years old and lost my mother to multiple sclerosis a short time after that. I overcame it through tremendous luck. I was able to find mentors who took a real interest in my success, which is more than half the battle. My father had a major influence on my life. He worked full-time as a butcher and then came home and cared for my mother, who was left bedridden as a result of her multiple sclerosis. His dedication and sense of duty to our family possessed the kind of moral clarity I hope to move through my life with.

School teachers are no longer simply masters of content.

Working as an English teacher at a public high school before coming to law school, I learned early on about the sheer mass of structural issues in society affecting my students' everyday lives and felt it was important to see what more I could do.

Law School has been unique at the very least. To key-in specifically on my interests, I've become increasingly concerned with identifying and unravelling the legal mechanisms in place which make it so difficult for working people to get ahead. The only good time-management advice I have is to find good friends who believe in you and will help with whatever crazy ideas you have. To this I owe everything to fellow 3Ls Cherylann Pasha and Brett Gannon, who helped every step of the way.

I ran for state office last year in order to move the local Democratic Party towards a program that would help the working class and promote accountability and transparency in the State House. I suspended my campaign after forming a coalition of working folks in the district, which I believed would hold the local party accountable throughout the race.

I hope I will continue to be an advocate for those in society who are without. It's foolish to think any of us will die in a just society, but important to look back knowing we did everything we could to make this a better world.

"[My father's] dedication and sense of duty to our family possessed the kind of moral clarity I hope to move through my life with."

STUDENT SNAPSHOT

Provenance Salisbury, Massachusetts. **Learning** BA in English, Salem State. **Pre-Law** Public high school teacher. **At BC Law** Compassionate Release and Parole Clinic, Ninth Circuit Appellate Clinic, and "pensive worrying." **Law Career Goal** Trial attorney doing criminal law or plaintiff's work. **Wish It Never Existed** Private health insurance. **Favorite SCOTUS Justice** Chief Justice Earl Warren. **Favorite Pastime** Reading novels or listening to 1980s-era Bob Dylan. **Worst At** "I am sometimes bad at sincerity. I like to joke." **Favorite Snack** Almonds. **Guilty Pleasure** "Islands in the Stream" by Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers.



Ramona See '85 Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court. **Certifiably Adventurous** See is an avid scuba diver and skier, who has completed more than 2,000 dives across the globe and plans to next ski the legendary slopes in Verbier, Switzerland. **Big 10 Back Then** She earned a BA in international relations and political science from the University of Michigan and remains a diehard Wolverines football fan.



An Adventurer Finds Her Calling

Judge Ramona See '85 only sits still on the bench.

BY MAURA KING SCULLY

> The currents were strong in the Maldives last year. And that was just fine with the Honorable Ramona See '85, whose passion for scuba diving has taken her to Indonesia, Italy, Switzerland, and New Zealand, to name just a few of the destinations she and her husband, a fellow lawyer and fellow certified dive instructor, have navigated. In fact, diving in Bermuda was the unlikely catalyst that landed See at BC Law.

"I was working as a dive instructor at a hotel in Bermuda and just by

coincidence, a guy from Boston walked in. I told him I was looking at BU and BC for law school and he said, 'You've got to go BC,'" recalls See. "I took his advice and talked to some other people and what everyone told me was true: It was academically fulfilling, and I made friends I'm still close to today."

After graduating, See clerked with the Honorable Dickran Tevrizian at the US District Court for the Central District of California. "It was a turning point in my career. Judge Tevriz-

ian said, 'You would be good as a judge,'" recalls See, who followed her clerkship with a decade in private practice, mostly in real estate and business litigation.

Then, Tevrizian circled back, intent that his protégé fulfill what he regarded as her destiny. "He said, 'You have to strike while the iron is hot.' I finally applied and was quickly appointed."

In California, where See has served on the bench since 1997, judges are elected to six-year terms, but most superior court

judges are first appointed by the governor to fill vacancies. See was initially appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court and then, in 2000, moved to the Los Angeles Superior Court; she has been re-elected to serve in unopposed races ever since.

In addition to her responsibilities as a judge, See's priorities are service, mentorship, and teaching. She has held leadership positions with the California Judges Association, the American Bar Association, the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, and the National Conference of State Trial Judges, among other organizations.

As a member of the ABA's Rule of Law Initiative, she has traveled the globe, including to a meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia, that included leaders of the country's bar and bench. "It's very segregated there—judges don't talk to lawyers. I was thrilled that my visit brought these groups together in one room," she explains.

See is particularly committed to advancing people of color in the profession and spent six years as chair of the ABA's Judicial Clerkship Program, which introduces law students from diverse backgrounds to judges and law clerks.

"I've always striven to hire externs of color and females," See says. "This is not a clerkship or externship where you sit around and watch the court. When someone clerks or externs for me, they learn a great deal about research, writing, and arguing. I'm here to help advance their careers, just as mentors along the way helped me advance."

In other words, See expects those who work with her to share her passion for diving right in.



Paths to Success

Alumni find career satisfaction in diverse places.

1. Tracy Miner '85

Playing Defense Formerly a partner at Demeo and Mintz, she is co-founder of Miner Siddall, Boston's only all-woman, boutique white-collar defense litigation firm. **Women Power** Among her high-profile clients are defendants in the "Varsity Blues" college admissions scandal. "Our clients hire a creative team who have overcome the odds in their professional lives and who will use those skills on their behalf. Women are more likely to collaborate with one another, and the clients benefit from this collaboration." **Advice** "If you want to launch your own firm, realize that you won't have the support staff that you have at medium or large firms. Focus on what you do best and don't expect to sleep much."

2. Michael Thomas '97

Labor of Love As a principal in the Los Angeles office of Jackson Lewis, he defends employers in class actions and conducts diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) trainings and workshops. **Haste Makes Waste** An expert on DEI, he cautions against cookie-cutter approaches. "My DEI practice involves knowledge of employment law, pay equity, and concepts of neuroscience, intergenerational trauma, mindfulness, yoga, and organizational behavior. Instead of rushing to implement a strategy, I recommend that clients conduct a DEI assessment of key metrics and cultural indicators. This entails identifying DEI gaps, which will then help an organization to develop a DEI strategic plan and

effective initiatives. Implementing DEI initiatives in a vacuum can be harmful to an organization and to diverse employees."

3. Steve Weisman '73

Security Patrol He is a nationally recognized expert in scams, identity theft, and cybersecurity; is of counsel to Margolis and Bloom in Boston; and teaches a course on white-collar crime at Bentley University. **Read All About It** He posts "Scam of the Day" warnings on his website, www.scamicide.com, which the *New York Times* calls one of the three best sources for information about pandemic-related scams. **Words to Live By** "My motto is, 'Trust me, you can't trust anyone.' The biggest source of data breaches is through spear phishing emails. Never click on a link or download an attachment unless you have absolutely confirmed that it is legitimate. The risk

of downloading malware or becoming a victim of identity theft is too great."

4. Raghav Kohli '10

Driven As director and assistant GC at Waymo (formerly Google Self-Driving Car Project), he's fast-tracking deployment of self-driving systems. **Scenic Route** Kohli moved from Morgan Lewis to Google to Waymo. "The draw to Google was its impactful products and mission of organizing the world's information and making it universally accessible. Waymo is an opportunity to work on a nascent technology and help build a legal function from scratch." **Safety** There are about 1.35 million deaths annually from vehicle accidents, 94 percent of them due to human error. "We analyze every legal issue to ensure we're driving outcomes that support the deployment of self-driving technology to improve road safety," Kohli says. —MKS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT

Fradique Rocha '80 "It seems obvious that having a place to live and to be safely housed is a critical component of a healthy environment and life," says Rocha, co-chief executive officer of CVR Associates, an affordable housing consulting firm that he co-founded in 1995 after serving as general counsel to the Boston Housing Authority for three years.

"There are over 3,000 public housing authorities in this country, and they have sadly often been underfunded. Our goal is to bring private sector efficiency to the public sector to create a positive impact on people's lives," Rocha says.

CVR assists housing agencies, nonprofits, cities, and industry service providers in improving their operations, thereby delivering quality housing opportunities to those

in need. The company has developed software to streamline housing management operations, created web-based portals for housing owners and

tenants to increase customer satisfaction, and provided tools to reduce administrative burdens and simplify tasks.

"Some programs and agencies have been deemed deeply troubled by HUD [US Department of Housing and Urban Development]," explains Rocha. "We have been engaged to assist in turning things around, brought in technology paired with subject-matter expertise, and succeeded in making them HUD high performers."

Rocha's team of 200 also consults on development. "We don't want affordable housing to be islands of poverty," he explains. "Our in-house architects and engineers help develop conceptual designs so that affordable housing is part of the neighborhood and not segregated."

Rocha observes that there is a stigma associated with affordable housing in America, whereas in some countries, it is tied to health and education in a more significant way. "We need to do that better," he says. "When you see people moving back into a vibrant community and they see a new, good quality home, with a future, their joy is tremendously rewarding." —MKS





Q+A

WITH

CAMARA PHYLLIS JONES

and DEAN
VINCENT ROUGEAU



A New Reckoning

Remedies for the sickness of racism. ABRIDGED

AND EDITED BY CLEA SIMON

DR. CAMARA PHYLLIS JONES, past president of the American Public Health Association, senior fellow at the Morehouse School of Medicine, and anti-racism activist, was a guest speaker last fall at the Boston College Forum on Racial Justice in America, whose inaugural director is BC Law Dean Vincent Rougeau. In an interview before her talk, the two spoke about racism, the different ways bias manifests itself in law and medicine, and how best to define and counter such deep-seated prejudice.

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CJ: Racism is foundational in our nation’s history and it continues to exist, with profoundly negative impacts on the health and well-being of the nation. In the overall discussion of racism, we have three tasks: naming racism, asking how racism is operating here, and organizing and strategizing to act in ways that will propel us forward. Those were the elements of a national campaign against racism that I launched in 2016, when I was president of the American Public Health Association.

VR: More and more, as we dive deeply into what some people have called a second-generation, post-Civil Rights-era discussion, what emerges is a new reckoning of how we need to engage the issues of structural racism in our society. Before, we were focused heavily on individuals: on not discriminating against individuals and not being racist ourselves. This is important work that had to be done. But it plays into a tendency in American culture to individualize everything.

CJ: Even now, when people say systemic racism or structural racism, it’s as if they were distinguishing it from something else, the individual racism that you’re talking about. But in my understanding, racism is the system. It’s this system mediated through people and then internalized.

We, as a country, are ahistorical. We act as if the present were disconnected from the past and as if the current distribution of advantage and disadvantage were just happenstance. We endorse the myth of meritocracy: that if

you work hard, you will make it. Most people who’ve made it have worked hard. But not everybody who has made it worked hard, and many other people are working just as hard or harder who will never make it because of an uneven playing field.

There’s also the endorsement of the myth of American exceptionalism, that we’re so special, so unique, that we can’t even *learn* from other countries. The source of that is white supremacist ideology, which is not just a lightning-rod term. It’s a description of a false idea of a hierarchy of human valuation by race with white people at the top.

VR: This ahistoricism and its connection to structural racism can be seen in the law. With the nomination of a Supreme Court justice, there is talk about “originalism” as a way of thinking about constitutional law. The problem with this approach is you can’t freeze time. The past informs the present. If we’re not engaged in an honest assessment of the past, we’re going to end up with very distorted results about how we enforce the laws.

What we see is legal systems created with the assumption that everyone is engaging with the legal system on an equal basis. That is false. The outcomes reflect the inequality, but no one wants to address the foundational inequalities. They want to cling to the notion that the law is a system that is being exercised on the basis of equality.

CJ: In terms of public health, we saw the effects of structural racism acutely with all the Black folks on the roofs in New

Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, when the levees broke. We’re already normalizing the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on communities of color, just the way we have normalized the differences in infant mortality rates and the differences in maternal mortality rates, or even the differences in diabetes prevalence and other preexisting conditions.

VR: It comes down to how we think about rights and responsibilities. Many other democratic countries recognize in their constitutions certain rights that we do not. There, economic and social rights are paramount, so that people have a right to equality and education. They have a right to housing. That’s not always easy to actualize, but it is important that these rights are at least recognized.

CJ: We blame the people. We blame the disparate outcomes on the individual. There are actually people in this country who think that we have the best health care system in the world. We do not even have a health care system. We have various health care systems with lots of holes.

VR: We need to think more strategically about how we can band together across differences. Because at the end of the day, we are all undermined by the racism in society. Its negative impacts on the victims are more obvious, but the negative impacts on those who are not victimized by it are there as well.

CJ: Racism is a system that saps the strength of the whole society. We can act to dismantle racism.

Evidence

A Leap of Faith

Lawyers can soar
in the startup ecosystem.

BY VICKI SANDERS and
J. COOPER STOUCH '22

Given all the disruptions to livelihoods and businesses in 2020, a case can be made that the workplace is fast becoming the nation's new frontier, a suddenly borderless landscape inviting innovators, dreamers, and adventurers from every walk of life to stake their claims to the economic engines of the future.

Entrepreneurs and startups are nothing new, of course. But, with employment and professional norms deeply shaken by the realities of Covid-19, society is discovering that business and commerce—even scientific discovery—may never be, or may never *need* to be, the same.

So, it's time to take stock of the startup culture to see what role lawyers may play in this promising and newly “essential” ecosystem.

Lawyers may not be the first professionals who come to mind when imagining the be-sneakered, jean-clad sorts who seem to rule the startup universe, but, if Boston College Law School students are any indication, a lot are willing to take the leap into the universe of perpetual innovation. Indeed, numerous alumni already have.

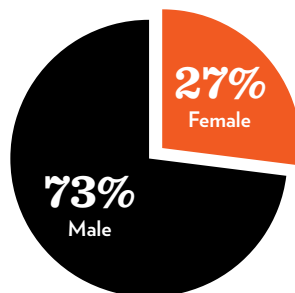
Several programs and courses at the Law School are preparing the next generation either to start their own businesses or to partner with their entrepreneurial contemporaries. Lawyers bring to this workplace skill sets and frames of mind leavened by the study of law that can counterbalance the creative, high-risk impulses that often drive new enterprises.

Startups and the structures and systems that support them are growing around the world, in the US, and in Boston. The numbers in this report provide a glimpse of that entrepreneurial ecosystem and BC Law's place within it.



WHO ARE ENTREPRENEURS?

Gender

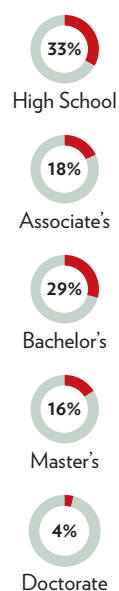


14.8 Million / Male entrepreneurs-owned businesses

9.9 Million / Female entrepreneurs-owned businesses

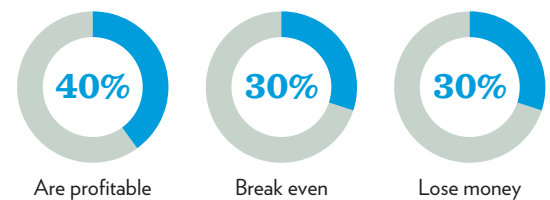
114% / Increase in female entrepreneurs, 1997-2017

Education



METRICS OF SUCCESS

Profitability of Startups



\$50K

Average founder's annual salary

80% / Business survival rate 1st year
30% / Remain in business by year 10

Top 5 Most Popular Startup Sectors

1. Business-to-Business Software and Services
2. Health Care
3. Consumer Goods and Services
4. Financial Technology
5. Consumer Media

FINANCIAL REALITIES

Funding and Seeding

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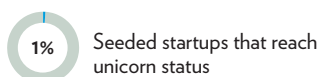
Percentage startups that raise venture capital

\$2.2 Million

Average seed round



Average age in years of company raising seed funding



Nationwide IPOs in 2020



Growth from previous year

216

Number of IPOs

\$78.1 Billion

Growth in proceeds from those IPO deals

Unicorns: The Peak of Success

642 / Current number unicorns worldwide

\$442,000,000,000

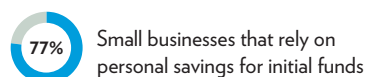
Amount raised collectively in financing

\$2 Trillion

Collective value

Out of Pocket

\$10,000 / Average amount required to start a small business

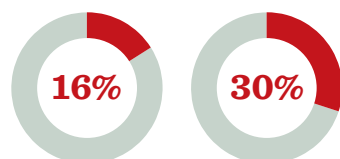


MASSACHUSETTS AS INCUBATOR

Startups

1,869

Number of startups operating in Greater Boston in 2016



700 / Companies in the pharma, bio, and medical device space

63,000 / Number employed

Largest 3 MA IPOs in 2020

1

\$1.8 Billion

Eastern Bank
(Eastern Bankshares, Inc.)

2

\$934 Million

ZoomInfo Technologies, Inc.

3

\$742 Million

American Well

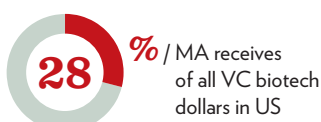
Venture Capital Investment

\$6 Billion

Invested in 527 deals in 2016



23 / Unicorns in which Boston's Fidelity Investments has invested



ENTREPRENEURS VS. LAWYERS

Entrepreneurs

Adaptable
Creative
High-Risk Tolerant
Confident
Determined
Perseverant

Lawyers

Loyal
Detail-Oriented
Risk-Averse
Disciplined
Principled
Persuasive

BC LAW SCHOOL

Entrepreneurship Opportunities

Business and Law Society: Student organization connects JD candidates with opportunities in business community, hosts events with business leaders, and enables networking.

Intellectual Property and Technology Forum: IPTF is a web-based publication about emerging issues in intellectual property law, a key topic for the lawyer-entrepreneur.

Program on Innovation and Entrepreneurship: PIE hosts an annual international conference, presents speakers, provides opportunities in the entrepreneurship and innovation space, and supports experiential opportunities and academic research related to entrepreneurship.

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Clinic: Students get real experience counseling local entrepreneurs.

Community Enterprise Clinic: Students counsel community-driven businesses on a number of transactional matters.

Project Entrepreneur: Class in which students help formerly incarcerated individuals start their own businesses, counseling them on relevant legal matters as they are rehabilitated and reenter society.

IntEnt: Graduate student-run entrepreneurship organization that transcends the different graduate programs at Boston College and provides information, training, and resources to help students start their own businesses.



VISION QUEST

By JERI ZEDER



**BC LAW BECOMES AN INCUBATOR LAUNCHING
LAWYERS INTO A STARTUP WORLD WHERE IT REALLY IS POSSIBLE
TO DREAM AND MAKE IT BIG.**

Illustration by EDEL RODRIGUEZ

LANDON STINSON '19 WENT TO LAW SCHOOL INTERESTED IN TOO MANY THINGS. Or so it seemed. An economics major in college, he was also drawn to technology. And physics. And engineering. He was getting advice that maybe all his interests would come together if he became a patent lawyer. But he soon learned that it was the inventions themselves, not the body of patent law, that fascinated him. Stinson didn't know it yet, but he was about to join the ranks of lawyers who become founders of innovative startups.

It turns out, Boston College Law School was just the place for a student like Stinson.

In addition to its suite of offerings—courses like Project Entrepreneur, clinics, student-run societies, and globally influential initiatives like the Program on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (PIE)—BC Law is situated in Boston, a city with a bustling startup ecosystem rich with ideas and talent, flourishing tech and life-science sectors, and obtainable early-stage funding that has birthed such consequential companies as Moderna, Toast, and Biogen.

Among BC Law's graduates are people like Hisao Kushi '92, of Santa Monica, California, founding partner and chief legal officer of the exercise technology company Peloton; Kyle Robertson '08, of Austin, Texas, founder and CEO of the artificial intelligence company NarrativeDx (recently acquired by Press Ganey); Mark Hexamer '98, of San Francisco, founder of CiteIt! and Swap.com and currently a venture capitalist with Summit Partners; and, more recently, women like Floridian Jackie de la Rosa Kennedy '13, who does Startup Business Development at Amazon and is a part-time venture capitalist with Afore Capital. With the proliferation of all things tech—fintech, adtech, healthtech, biotech—BC Law stands poised to launch the next generation of startup founders with law degrees.

Founding startups is “electrifying,” says Andy Miller '93, of Palo Alto. Now CEO and founder of NRG Esports, Miller famously sold his startup Quattro Wireless to Apple in 2010 for \$275 million and reported directly to Steve Jobs before returning to the startup world. “You have an idea, you talk to a bunch of people, you change your idea, you get going, you realize it's not the right idea, but now you're in the space and you're smart in the space and you're informed and it's early,” he says. “No one's going to know more about this than I am, so I've got as good a shot as anyone else to figure out if there's something there.”

“At first, it seems counterintuitive for lawyers to start companies since we are trained to be risk-averse,” says de la Rosa Kennedy, “but I'm noticing more ex-lawyers leave big law firms to follow their passions, work for themselves, and build something meaningful.”

At this year's Amazon Web Services' AWS re:Invent global conference for technologists, Kennedy moderated a two-day session focused on helping women startup founders navigate the venture capital process. She herself entered the startup space after finding that she wanted to express more of herself than she felt the practice of law allowed. “Law school teaches you how to analyze problems, identify risk, and develop creative solutions based on those facts, while the practice of law, in my brief experience, was more confrontational and rigid,” she says. “I knew my strengths included creative thinking and a strong bias for action.” She took a course in entrepreneurial finance at Boston College's Carroll School of Management, got a venture capital fellowship, and off she went.

The uncommon lawyers who found startups have a lot in common: Strong, irresistible interests beyond law. A knack for noticing an overlooked problem or deficiency or lurking injustice. Ingenuity. A spirit that thrives in chaos and risks. And an appreciation for the disciplined thinking they cultivated in law school. These lawyers sit within a global startup economy valued in 2019 at nearly \$3 trillion.

“Entrepreneurs with JDs tell me that the training law school gives in deep, analytical thinking is invaluable for problem-solving in deep and systematic ways,” says BC Law Associate Professor David Olson. It takes a certain kind of personality, he notes, to be a

successful startup founder. “You must have the ability to take risks, to be okay with chaos, to understand that you never have enough time to do everything, much less do it perfectly,” he says. Olson is the director of PIE, which supports research in innovation and entrepreneurship, hosts speakers, conferences, and workshops on important topics affecting the global economy, and works with students interested in cutting-edge global law and business issues.

A nice complement to PIE, the Entrepreneurship & Innovation Clinic exposes students to early-stage startup considerations and issues, whether that startup is a beekeeping business, an app developer, or an artist creating a charitable organization. For students with startup ambitions of their own, it can be instructive to observe their clients in action. “Our clients are fearless,” says Sandy Tarrant '99, the clinic's director. “Our students get a chance to see that up close and personal.”

At their core, BC Law's newest crop of lawyers-turned-startup founders are gutsy inventors. Some invent things—new technologies or new pharmaceuticals. Some invent systems—new ways of doing business or new approaches to human challenges.

As an inventor of systems, Rebecca Sawhney '13 uncovered a need to reform the nail care industry. Sawhney was an associate at a New York City law firm she had joined after graduation—enjoying it, but “craving something more creative than any kind of office life could ever give me,” she says.

Meanwhile, she was noticing that something was off about the experience of her weekly manicures. She started researching the nail care industry and learned that it was plagued by exploitative labor practices, poor hygiene, and toxic working conditions. That's when it occurred to her to establish a new nail care brand, starting with a brick-and-mortar salon centered on fair labor practices and cleanliness. When she and her husband moved to the Bay Area, she opened Marlowe, a salon where workers are paid living wages with 401Ks and health care benefits—all practically unheard of in the industry. There's an



Jackie de la Rosa
Kennedy '13

on-site clean room for hospital-grade sterilization. To keep the air healthy, they've rejected drills and unsafe nail applications.

By the end of its second year, Marlowe's sales reached \$1 million. But its fortunes changed with the pandemic, which is wreaking havoc on the global startup economy: Nearly half of all startups are direly short of capital, three-quarters are facing investor disruptions, and most are seeing precipitous drops in revenue. Sawhney, one of fifty women entrepreneurs awarded a 2020 Tory Burch Foundation Fellowship, vows she isn't giving up. She's looking at the current crisis as an opportunity: "How can we use this time during our second government-mandated shutdown to best prepare us to hit the ground running in the new year?" she said in December.

Alphonse Harris '15 had double-majored in physics and economics and came to law school with plans for a public interest career. Things changed when he was introduced to John Lewandowski, a PhD student at MIT. The two became fast friends and together co-founded Disease Diagnostics Group (DDG) while Harris was still in law school. Harris describes DDG as a "social enterprise developing low-cost, point-of-care, diagnostic solutions for neglected tropical diseases." Lewandowski is the scientist/product developer, while Harris was chief operating officer and general counsel. (Harris has since left the company.)

"Neither of us had any experience working at a medical device company prior to founding DDG,"

fast-paced adtech company. There, she says, "I gained a wealth of experience about the inner workings of a business and acquired substantial knowledge of employment law, contract law, and numerous intangible instincts that would help me make the leap and found SMITH&SAINT a couple of years later." Three years on, SMITH&SAINT, a Boston-based talent management and branding-building agency that St. George co-founded with her sister, boasts two niche talent markets—representing food bloggers and representing retired Olympic athletes—and St. George is fulfilling her dreams of helping others fulfill theirs.

Boosting Boston's startup ecosystem is the Cambridge Innovation Center (CIC), where Stas Gayshan '09 works as managing director. CIC provides space for emerging startups to come together in a thriving community of networking and ideas, where they share resources like labs, business equipment, conference rooms, and professional development opportunities.

Gayshan is also general counsel of CIC Health, a CIC subsidiary that helps individuals and organizations get access to fast, affordable COVID-19 testing. Gayshan notes that his law degree and business experience get him heard by the powers-that-be whose influence on policy and legislation can fortify—or hinder—the startup environment. "I understand the way that regulations affect actions. If you want to create a financial system that works for people, you have to think deeply about the rules," he says. "If you are engaging in a conversation with a business group about crafting business engagement strategies that give opportunities to startups, it's much more productive to come to that with a business and legal background."

Returning to Landon Stinson, the law student at the beginning of this story who was seemingly interested in too many things: He had an epiphany during the summer of his 2L year. He was working at a Boston personal injury law firm, where his job was to sit day after day in a windowless basement room and request medical records and bills. "I found out two things," he says. "Number one is that requesting medical records and bills is miserable. It's a tedious and time-consuming process that is incredibly inefficient. Number two is that securely accessing your own health records or having your lawyer securely access your health records with your permission is vitally important. And I think it should be a basic human right to have that access."

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Stinson '19



Rebecca
Sawhney '13



Alphonse
Harris '15



Britt St.
George '16



Stas
Gayshan '09

Harris says. Knowing that they needed help and where to find it became their superpowers: "The fact that we were inexperienced set us up for success," Harris says. They built DDG by availing themselves of MIT's mentoring services, receiving free legal services from a specialized program at a local university, and getting advice from their widening network of well-connected Boston-area people.

Britt St. George '16 went to law school intent on becoming a sports agent. When she wasn't laboring over casebooks, she was blogging and gaining traction as an early social media influencer—a market that hadn't yet caught on in Boston. After graduating, she worked as in-house counsel for a

And then he realized: This job could be done by machine.

With encouragement from a couple of BC Law professors, Stinson hired a software developer to engineer a legal tech solution: an app that automated the process of ordering medical records and bills. Stinson called it Candle Request, and, before he graduated, he founded his business Candle Software, Inc. Candle has since also developed Billy, a legal tech app that helps personal injury lawyers keep track of their clients' liens and medical bills.

While running Candle, Stinson, who lives in Florida, also has his own law firm, Beacon Legal PLLC, where he concentrates on personal injury and property matters. In line with his access-to-justice ethic, Stinson uses flat-fee and contingency-fee billing to keep his services affordable. "The law firm gives me an opportunity to do what I love—practice law—while also keeping me fresh on the inefficiencies that lawyers face," he says.

Spoken like a true startup founder: After all, hidden in those inefficiencies are new legal tech products that haven't been invented yet.

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**HOW PROJECT ENTREPRENEUR
IS REMAKING THE LIVES OF THE FORMERLY INCARCERATED.
By BRETT GANNON '21**

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Carlos Omar
Montes

CARLOS OMAR MONTES ARRIVED IN THE BAY STATE FROM PUERTO RICO IN THE WINTER OF 2007, when he was seventeen years old. He vividly remembers his first day in the US, walking the streets of Framingham in shorts and a tank top as the snow swirled around him.

Montes always wanted to be a barber. He started by grooming horses in Puerto Rico, doing well enough to earn the trust of his family members, thereby gaining human hair-cutting privileges. After moving to the United States, he took advantage of vocational programs and completed the number of hours required to get his barber's license.

Montes's plan hit a roadblock when he was incarcerated a few years later for possession of drugs and a firearm. He struggled to get his life on track and ended up spending almost eight years in and out of correctional facilities.

Had it not been for a bold new endeavor at Boston College Law School called Project Entrepreneur, a course taught by BC Law adjunct professor Lawrence Gennari to help citizens returning from incarceration create their own entrepreneurial opportunities, Montes's future may have been as bleak as that of so many others who have struggled to thrive after imprisonment.

Montes remained active during his years behind bars. He studied law so he could take an active part in his cases. He also taught other inmates how to cut hair. A prison lieutenant approached Montes one day, telling him, "You have all these skills. Why don't you start teaching people here?" Inspired, Montes began working on plans to start a Corrections Department barber training program. He did research, came up with a pro-

posal, and spent hours thinking deeply about how to integrate his personal skills with his desire to make incarceration more productive for others. Though his training program never became a reality, it set the stage for the kind of creative thinking that being a returning citizen would require.

When Montes was released from Boston's South Bay House of Correction in 2018, he faced the same obstacles as tens of thousands of other returning citizens. There are over 40,000 collateral consequences of a criminal conviction in the United States. Some are highly visible, such as those that impact voting rights, employment, state benefits, or gun ownership. Others are known only to those who stumble onto a state statute almost by chance. In Alabama, one can be denied employment in the meat and poultry inspection industry. In Illinois, an illegal gambling conviction will bar one from a bingo hall for life. In California, a felony conviction is sufficient to make one ineligible to participate in the Cap-and-Trade Program for greenhouse gas emissions. Massachusetts alone has nearly 800 total consequences governing nearly every facet of life.

“There might be a lot of opportunities, but we as returning citizens don’t see many of them,” Montes says now. “It is a little bit hard to believe or trust.” He spent his first year as a returning citizen living with a friend in Cambridge and used his Master Barber certification to land a job cutting hair. Still, he always imagined working for himself, serving his community in Framingham, showing his old city that he was not defined by who he used to be.

For much of that first year, though, he was confused: “I didn’t know business administration, property management ... it was all very hard for me to understand.” Seeking resources to make the most out of his drive to succeed, to grow as a person, and to give back to his community, he turned to the Rehabilitation Department of the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office and the Boston Returning Citizens Office.

That led Montes to an unexpected place, an April 2019 event in a BC Law classroom listening to other returning citizens pitch their dreams to a group of prominent local businesspeople. Seeing men and women who embodied the ideals he valued most in himself, Montes recognized the worth of the program immediately. Soon, he counted himself among the second cohort of Project Entrepreneur.

The pitch session that Montes witnessed is not the sort of event one would ordinarily expect to see as the culmination of a business law class. Which is precisely why Gennari, who has taught at BC Law since 1996, has made it his mission to redefine what it means to be a business-oriented lawyer.

“ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS THE LIFEblood OF THE UNITED STATES. FOR RETURNING CITIZENS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP OFFERS THE CLEAREST AND BRIGHTEST PATH FORWARD.”

—Adjunct Professor Lawrence Gennari

“Entrepreneurship is the lifeblood of the United States,” says Gennari as he recounts the realizations that led to the creation of Project Entrepreneur, an experiential learning opportunity launched in January of 2019. “For returning citizens, entrepreneurship offers the clearest and brightest path forward.”

Approximately 600,000 people are released from jails and prisons each year. According to the Prison Policy Initiative, the unemployment rate for incarcerated individuals stands at 27 percent. When formerly incarcerated individuals do find work, their wages are up to 20 percent lower than average. Lack of economic stability is a known driver of criminal behavior. In a country with a notoriously high recidivism rate, one of the easiest ways to ensure that people do not

end up back in jail and prison is to provide prospects for success once they get out.

Taking stock of this dire situation, Gennari realized that giving returning citizens the tools they needed to start their own businesses would empower them to circumvent some of the residual impacts of having a criminal record. Thinking of what lawyers and law students could do, he began from the basic premise that lawyers “sit in a privileged profession” and are uniquely suited to work with those who are returning from periods of incarceration.

After reaching out to agencies and individuals dedicated to working for and with returning citizens, Gennari realized that programs like the one he was envisioning were few and far between. The closest model, Project Remade, is housed at Stanford University.

Gennari decided to hew closely to Project Remade’s example and designed a course that would integrate law students and community members as guest lecturers and mentors with aspiring entrepreneurs. The pilot class launched during the Spring 2019 semester and welcomed a group of nine law students, each matched with an entrepreneur. During the just-completed Fall 2020 semester, twelve students participated.

For law students, Project Entrepreneur functions similarly to other experiential learning courses. There is a classroom component focusing on advanced corporation law, and a hands-on component that brings the law students and entrepreneurs together for a seminar on business-oriented topics. The first hour of each seminar is taught by law students, the second is often helmed by business leaders from the community.

Gennari notes that for many students, Project Entrepreneur is the first chance to counsel a client and the first time they get to truly hear a client’s story. “I don’t care what degree you’re getting. This is about helping people be their whole selves,” Gennari says. He hopes to strike a balance between opening the eyes of those interested in corporate law or in becoming entrepreneurs themselves and enticing other students to give business a chance, all while serving others through principles of social and restorative justice.

Gennari understands that as with any business venture, success is an uphill battle. The experience helps people develop a skill set, something akin to Montes’s personal mantra of “know what you are capable of.” If the course does not result in the creation of a business, it still leaves returning citizens with a sense of agency, prepared to tackle challenges no matter which avenue they decide to pursue. Ideally, a semester with Project Entrepreneur will leave returning citizens in a better position to respond to the barriers they are facing.

Initially, Carlos Montes planned to start his own barbershop, using some of his income to support the barber training program he envisioned during his time at South Bay. However, through Project Entrepreneur, he realized his business would need something to set it apart in a crowded market. So, he decided to take his craft on the road. A mobile barbershop, complete with old-fashioned touches like a hot lather and warm towels, could replicate the traditional barbershop experience and would enable Montes to meet the demand of prospective customers who were confined to elderly care facilities, retirement communities, and group homes. Plus, the idea of a roving barber wasn’t popular in the US at the time, setting him apart from the competition.

During his semester with Project Entrepreneur, Montes became familiar with the ins and outs of business strategy, marketing, and financing. He also reflected on the fact that English is not his first language, which came into play as he navigated new concepts and prepared to pitch his idea to a roomful of successful businesspeople. But the students he worked with were instrumental in giving him the confidence to keep going. “I learned the importance of having the right people to help me,” says Montes.

During his pitch, Montes told the crowd about his seventeen-year journey to become a master barber and described how he wanted to use his skills to provide an essential service for those who could no longer make the trip to their barber or hair stylist. While Montes remembers being nervous, he knew, “If I started drowning, they would pick me up.”

This sentiment—that the pitch is so much more than just a business meeting—is intentional. “It isn’t *Shark Tank*,” Gennari laughs, “it is more like *Dolphin Tank*.”

After three semesters, Project Entrepreneur has already acted as a cornerstone for the dreams of returning citizens. Though the endeavor will continue to evolve, Gennari is already certain about one thing: “I have found that everyone encountering the class—entrepreneurs, law students, businesspeople—has been remade.”



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THE MORNING THAT EVERYTHING CHANGED



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the importance of every passing minute in life. A few minutes can be just enough to cram the final notes in order to pass an exam, to make your flight, or for me, the amount of time my mother's brain can function battling Early Onset Alzheimer's. At just sixteen years old, I became the de facto caregiver for my mother, which put me on a crash course through maturation, battling adversity.

My story begins one normal high school morning when I attempted to make myself a simple breakfast of scrambled eggs. I struggled mightily while my mother stood behind me and watched before gently pushing me aside to re-instruct me. Today, few days pass in my life where I do not look back to this seemingly meaningless childhood moment. The reason being, later that afternoon, I would learn that my mother, a young woman in her mid-forties, the woman who did everything for me in my admittedly spoiled youth, had been diagnosed with Early Onset Alzheimer's.

That morning marked the final time I can recall my mother serving as the teacher in our relationship, and not the other way around. After that morning, time would go on and I would struggle

to cope with the new hand I had been dealt as I watched my mother deteriorate before my eyes. Eventually, my mother would lose her memory altogether, starting with not knowing her high school sweetheart: her husband and my father. The most difficult part of all of this was witnessing my mother slowly forget me, too.

My mother's diagnosis flipped my world upside down, but unbeknownst to me then, those years began teaching me all the valuable intangibles I would need to succeed in the legal profession. I was thrown into the fire of taking care of my mother, which taught me to excel under immense pressure and stress while always keeping a level head. Perhaps most importantly, I was developing a high emotional IQ as I attempted to be a leader for my family.

At the time, the burden was too much for me, my grades slipped, as I questioned the meaning of anything if my mother wouldn't ever remember it. Finally, I came to the realization that the strength I displayed at home need not be a facade. I realized I could use my experiences to one day become the trusted ally in others' lives, and I knew the law was the way to do it. I was motivated by the thought that my mother's time was short, and I wanted her final memories of her son to be doing everything he could to put himself in position to make a difference. So often, lawyers are met with clients in times of des-

At a time when thoughtful narratives are easily overrun in the rush to capture the moment in texts and tweets, there is a kind of grace in reading something that takes its time, lingers in the mind, and provides a nuanced reflection on the writer's life.

¶ That is the gift of the admissions essays of five new BC Law 1Ls who, like legions of prospective students past and present, write their hearts out to persuade school officials to admit them. ¶ They reveal their vulnerabilities and strengths as they endeavor to create a rationale for their wish to study the law. ¶ Some such stories can be painful or difficult to tell—and to read—but the authors, to a person, can be seen to have grown in the process of doing so. ¶ In this fourth installment of *BC Law Magazine's* periodic series on an entering class, these aspirants leave no doubt: They are precisely the kind of bravehearts who will make remarkable lawyers one day. BC Law—and the world in general—is lucky they are here.



ish a few more months helping my family, while knocking out some credits at the local community college. I also mapped out my undergraduate pathway to becoming the lawyer who would have made my mother proud.

When I arrived at Clemson, I set goals to learn as much about the law and economics as possible, while gaining leadership and relevant work experience outside of the classroom. I graduated near the top of my class a full year early. I knew that to be a well-rounded lawyer took more than long nights in the library; it took leadership and people skills. In my first semester, I was elected the president of one of Clemson's largest organizations and co-founded a local chapter of a national business organization.

Moreover, I held intern positions at a venture capital firm and at law firms both boutique and among the biggest in the country. Those roles gave me experience working on billion-dollar deals, along with trying to sign a firm's first client. Upon graduation, I gained an additional year of business acumen at a Fortune 500 conglomerate in a leadership development role. Without my early struggles with adversity, I would not have had the maturity and foresight to pinpoint the expertise necessary to continue toward becoming the best lawyer I could be.

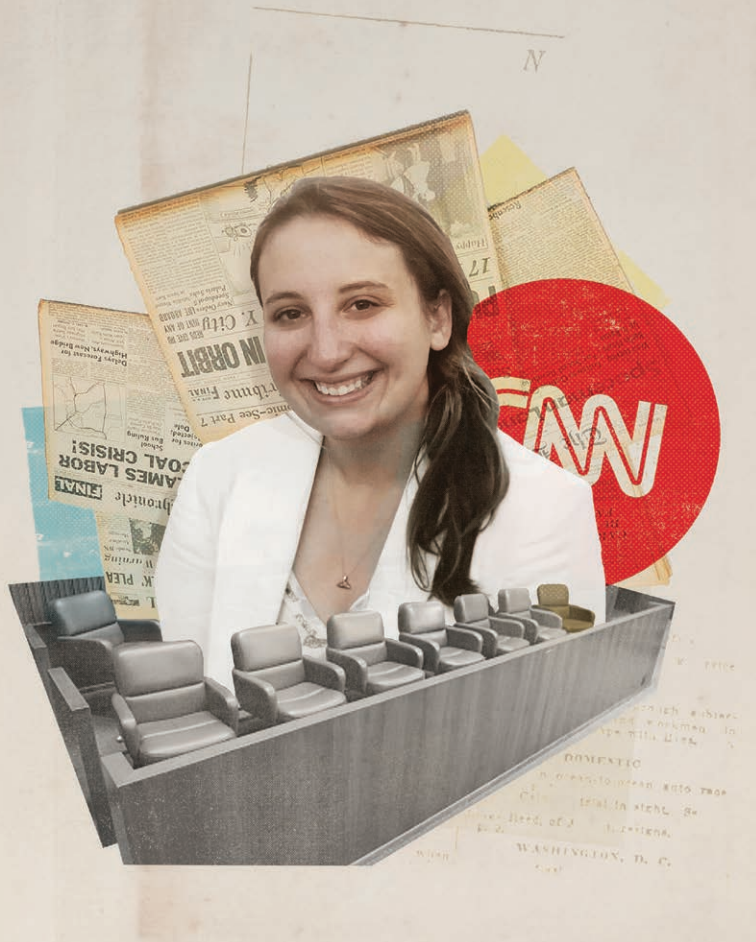
Lawyers operate for clients in their most desperate times of need, just as I learned to operate for my family in ours. While I would give anything in this world to have one more conversation with my mother, I find comfort in knowing the skills I acquired through this adversity will translate into my ability to assist countless other families and businesses. I cannot imagine a more intense preparation for a future of legal battling, delivering hard truths, and simply being the rock for clients and peers in their times of instability and growth.

peration and in make-or-break scenarios, and I am determined to get to a place where I can guide others out of their instability, just as I did for my family.

When college admissions

rolled around, it was time for me to put my early maturation to the test. Clemson was my number one choice for my undergraduate degree, but when I got the envelope, it wasn't the full-sized orange

envelope I dreamed of. My second-half, high-school push was not enough, and I was offered a January deferral admission. Instead of panic-settling for a backup school, I saw it as an opportunity to cher-



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IN THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE, I WANT IN

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"RUN!" MY CNN COLLEAGUE WHIS- per-shouted, throwing her notes at me as I sprinted for the heavy courtroom doors to deliver the jury's verdict to the on-air team waiting outside. With electronics banned in the courtroom, old-school communications had me dressing down my suit by lacing up my running shoes. The last thing I heard as I sprinted

from the courtroom was [former Trump campaign manager] Paul Manafort's dejected response to the final verdict: "Yes, Sir."

While I was sequestered in the courtroom, global chatter about this consequential trial reached a fever pitch. My already high sense of mission was buoyed knowing I was one of only two dozen reporters permitted in. Each day of the trial featured a stress-induced potpourri of peculiarities such as my observation that the well-dressed defendant, Paul Manafort, was otherwise sockless. When I wrote about this peccadillo, it surprised even me that my light-hearted

story traveled around the news-thirsty world like wildfire.

Covering Congress and the West Wing after two internships in the US Senate inured me to some of the drama and ugliness of politics. Whether in the halls of power or on city streets I am adept at seeing through the theatrics to get to the heart of the matter.

My training started at a very young age. On Sunday mornings my living room regularly filled with passionate environmental activists who gathered for discussion and organizing. Their leader, my mother, exemplified the power of a feet-to-pavement approach to driving change. I became comfortable contributing ideas in these meetings and critically discussing current events at the dinner table or at school leading my peers.

With a deep respect for the power of words, I gravitated first to print media at the University of Chicago and then to television journalism. At the same time, weaponized lies by unscrupulous news sources were increasingly blurring the lines of reality. Recently, threats of violence have made actual weapons part of my everyday life. One of my first assignments at CNN was to pull Maryland court records the day after the *Capital Gazette* mass shooting. Ever since, CNN's DC bureau has stationed an armed guard on every floor. I am grateful for the protection but it will take more than armed guards to protect our democracy and the rule of law.

Reporting on the chaos, I see lawyers rushing in to defend the Constitution and American ideals. I see lawyers at CNN defending our access to the White House and I see Congressional counsel drafting oversight subpoenas. I see compassionate pro bono lawyers greeting recent immigrants at airports and traveling to the US/Mexican border to reunite children with their families. Their tireless advocacy countering some of the most pernicious forc-

es in our society informs my own impression of the legal profession and guides our nation to better realize our founding principles. It is, in large part, up to the legal profession to keep us from losing sight of what we stand for.

I do relish my front row seat but I am no longer content to simply observe the fight for justice. I want in.

My first major step to that end is applying to Boston College Law School. Writing, editing, and producing print and live news has sharpened my communication skills and helped me develop a personal framework for analysis of the law. Similarly, the process of writing my thesis under the supervision of a renowned University of Chicago Law professor gave me a structural way of thinking about the law and how it translates into practice.

What I find particularly exciting about BC Law is that it encourages all 1L students to participate in ABA client counseling and negotiation competitions and 2L students to participate in the Wendell F. Grimes Intramural Moot Court competition. At the University of Chicago, I spent nearly all of my four years of extracurricular time between our school newspaper, *The Chicago Maroon*, and Model UN competitions, where we were world champions. There is nothing like competition to teach the competitive. I would love to develop my appellate skills at BC Law.

With its proud history of experiential learning, BC Law would put me in contact with some of the world's finest professors. I also know of the ethical core of BC Law from working for US Senator, Ed Markey '72 in Washington, DC, a proud BC Double Eagle and a wonderful mentor. As I continue my academic journey in pursuit of justice, I would be so happy to do so at BC Law with such a powerful network in the Boston area where I hope to practice.

THE DESIRE TO UPLIFT

I AM A PROUD DESCENDENT OF TWO INDIVIDUALS who emigrated from Haiti in pursuit of higher education and economic solvency for themselves and their family. Their determination shaped the work ethic that anchored my undergraduate career and

continues to define my first post-graduate year. This determination arises from a devotion within me to uplift the exemplary, although often overlooked, communities of our nation from which I stem.

I unexpectedly discovered a vital aspect to my life's passion when, as a member Florida State University's W.E.B. Du Bois honor society, I went to the Boys and Girls Club of Tallahassee to tutor high school students. The club is located in Frenchtown, Tallahassee, a low socio-economic neighborhood primarily comprised of newly immigrated families. My

experiences at the club were extremely consequential to me because I easily saw myself in my students. They were recent emigrants from Haiti and proficient in Haitian Creole, and French, but weak in English.

They were exceedingly intelligent and eager to learn and engage in their studies. However, they lacked the resources, such as personalized instruction with language translation, to properly acclimate and thrive in their new environment.

As their tutor, I attempted to provide the students with what their schools could not, using my experiences as both a Haitian American and an exceptional scholar. Through my work, I realized then that a vital aspect of my future profession had to include using my skills to promote the disenfranchised, especially outside the immediate purview of my community.

As an avid traveler, I have always been enthralled by the exploration of cultures.

Differences—from cuisine to social norms—distinguish one nation from another, but, I have noted, despite regional variations, their legal systems often mirror one another. This dual-sided nature of international law encapsulates everything that drives me in my academic and personal pursuits, and thus will become a significant part of my legal education.

A major goal I have at Boston College is to research Asia's legal systems, with a focus on corporate law as Asia increasingly becomes the world's economic hub.

I also plan to study abroad at China's Renmin University. After graduation, my hope is to serve as legal counsel to an international corporation and continue to discover ways to contribute to legal scholarship on a personal, national, and international scale.



A WITNESS TO DEGRADATION DECIDES ON LAW

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GROWING UP WITH UNDOCUMENTED parents presents an array of obstacles in a child's life. These obstacles are overwhelmingly challenging, yet they can create circumstances that also promote resiliency and independence.

My blended family of eight resided in a tiny, one-bedroom unit in the only apartment complex in my Staten Island, New York, neighborhood. It was not until this past year when I moved out, that I came to own my first bed. For most of my life, I slept on the living room couch alongside my father who slept on an inflatable mattress. My sister slept in the bedroom with my mother, her second husband, who is also undocumented, and my three half-siblings.

Because my parents prioritized my education, they worked ninety-hour weeks to ensure we remained in this school district. Daily, as I walked by ornately decorated single family homes, I became aware of the stark socioeconomic divide between my peers and me.

My parents' inability to speak English made it so I had to seek resources to excel academically. The emotional toll of my situation pressed heavily on me. I was placed in English Language Learner and speech classes. I quickly mastered English by uti-

lizing the extra help my teachers provided before and after school. This catapulted me into Honors courses. I found solace in school, but living with food insecurity and constant eviction notices because of my parents' inability to pay the rent, forced me to work full time at a supermarket during high school to assist my family.

At the time, I was not fully aware of the impact that working alongside undocumented Latinx laborers would have on me. Each day, I witnessed our customers and employers racially degrade and dehumanize my co-workers. My co-workers earned inadequate wages and had no one to advocate for their rights. Watch-

ing them endure these abuses at a young age motivated me to find a way to support my community. I understood that I needed to further my education, but had no guidance available to me. Forced to navigate the college application process on my own, I applied and was offered admission to an array of colleges. I enrolled at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, and attended school while working full time.

My academic course load exposed me to theories that allowed me to better understand and contextualize the conditions under which I lived and the injustices I witnessed in my workplace. I continued to seek out opportunities and support by applying to the highly competitive Ronald H. Brown Law School Prep Program.

As a Fellow in the program, I took part in simulated law courses, including Intellectual Property, Contracts, and Race

in the Law, taught by law faculty. I networked with law students, attorneys, and judges. I was also placed as an intern with Justice Francois Rivera, Kings County Civil Supreme Court, where I observe court cases from the bench. I assist my judge with the drafting of opinions, with one of them already published in the *New York Law Journal*. My experiences have taught me that the law can provide access to justice for marginalized and vulnerable groups and has solidified my desire to become an attorney for the underserved.

As a low-income, first-generation Mexican male college student whose parents are undocumented, I have turned overwhelming challenges into valuable life lessons. I believe these perspectives will allow me to provide a unique voice in the law school classroom as part of your incoming class and in the future as a public service attorney.





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FINDING THE 'GLUE' THAT BINDS MY STORY

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MY FATHER'S LIFE STORY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A STORY OF AMBITION, populated with beloved characters and events, but also a story that I never fully understood or appreciated. Visiting the small farm in Central California where he was raised, I observed an upbringing which seemed so incongruous to my own and I frequently contemplated the distance he had traveled—physically, intellectually, economically—to make it

from that farm to our home today. Though his parents' internment in Japanese American camps during World War II was an early obstacle to his success, his ambition and drive to succeed in life was informed by his reflection of my grandparent's perseverance in adversity. I was brought into a life so different from his that it is almost surreal. It seemed to me that the "why" of my father's story was the underlying link—the "glue"—that connected the various characters and events with their relevant meanings. I needed to find this link in my own life to achieve the same unification that my father had in his.

I graduated from Loyola Marymount University in 2017 with a degree in Marketing. After graduating, I began to climb the proverbial corporate ladder, hoping that the higher I ascended, the clearer my own story would become. In 2018, I obtained a sought-after position at Microsoft Corporation and I thought I was moving closer to my goals of stability and success. Still, however, I felt my life lacked the "glue" that would bind my story. I found that as I moved upward, I became less clear both about the connection between my father's driving purpose and my sense of personal fulfillment.

I began to make routine trips home for dinner with my family. The more time I spent at home being nourished by good food and conversation, the more I began to realize that I had overlooked something that was so evident in my father's cooking: The real reason he enjoys these meals so much is the deeply personal and nurturing aspect of them. My father thrives amongst others, simply because he understands that human connection is the key to his flourishing and, ultimately, his motivation to derive meaning. This realization gave me perspective on the greater significance of my father's life: The life my father leads isn't for

himself, it's for those around him.

My father and his siblings were raised by a mother who lost her husband early in life; they were raised in an environment of community. His family depended on others. He learned through practice that his own success and failure was intimately tied to the success and failure of others. True success was not his own, rather it was something shared by those upon whom he depended and those who depended upon him. He eventually left his home knowing that the potential of his education was not only his own but was his family's too.

My life had been comfortable and I had grown complacent. After much contemplation and discernment, I decided to take a risk. I would leave my job at Microsoft and open an entirely new chapter in my life. Several of my closest friends were in law school and helped me to realize that a career in law aligns my passion to work with others in a meaningful way, with a desire for work directed toward the benefit of society. In truth, their stories sounded akin to my father's—group study, community-oriented internships, and ultimately, a future connected to others' well-being.

I am now better prepared to study law than I would have been directly out of college. I have learned a great deal over the past few years, and I know what it takes to succeed in a high-paced, intense environment. I understand better both my strengths and weaknesses, I am aware of the demands and difficulties of law school, and I am prepared for the challenge. I can see in my father's eyes a sense of satisfaction that his youngest son is unafraid to venture out into a new chapter in his story. A story that is no longer lacking "glue," but instead one that is bound by the realization that genuine success and satisfaction are deeply rooted in a life centered on others.

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Dean Papademetriou '87,
his niece Anastasia
Kurkuvelos '19, and his sister
(and Anastasia's mother)
Jane Kourtis '89.

Photograph by
MATT KALINOWSKI

Class Notes



We gladly publish alumni news and photos. Send submissions to BC Law Magazine, 885 Centre St., Newton, MA 02459-1163, or email to vicki.sanders@bc.edu. Because of space considerations, we are not able to publish alumni news regarding inclusion in *Super Lawyers Magazine*, *The Best Lawyers in America*, and similar rating entities.

49 **Edward F. Daly** was one of six 100th birthday celebrants featured on the *Today Show* in September. He was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal two years ago for his World War II service in the Office of Strategic Services, the predecessor to the Central Intelligence Agency and the US Special Operations Command.

58 **Lawrence A. Ruttman** was featured in a *Brookline@Home* online article by Susie Davidson regarding the writing of his own chapter about the Covid-19 pandemic. A retired attorney, he is the author of *Voices of Brookline*, *American Jews and America's Game*, and *My Eighty-Two Year Love Affair with Fenway Park*. His fourth book, *Larry Ruttman: A Memoir*, is forthcoming.

68 **John "Mike" Callahan** is the author of "The Complexities of Qualified Immunity" and "Jettisoning the Lethal Force Gold Standard," published in *Police Chief*, the official publication of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. A retired FBI supervisory special agent and chief division counsel, he continues to do law enforcement training and write books, most recently *Supervisory and Municipal Liability in Law Enforcement*.

70 **Edward J. Krisor** was honored by the Colorado Bar Association with a commemorative medal for practicing law for fifty years. His private practice in Lakewood, CO, focuses on government, real estate, probate, and business law. His BC Law

class didn't have a commencement ceremony after campuses nationwide shut down over student antiwar protests and the Kent State shootings. Covid-19 similarly disrupted the group's fiftieth reunion last year.

72 **Edward J. Markey** was reelected to another six-year term on the US Senate in November after winning the primary against US Representative Joseph P. Kennedy III and becoming the first politician to defeat a Kennedy in a Massachusetts election.

74 **Paul A. Lacy** retired in 2008 as president and secretary of Kronos Inc., a global enterprise software company in Lowell, MA, and continues to serve on the boards of public and private technology companies.

76 **John F. Kerry**, former US secretary of state and five-term US senator from Massachusetts, was appointed special presidential envoy for climate in President Joe Biden's administration. A driving force for America's climate policy, Kerry was the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 2009 and helped negotiate the Paris Agreement in 2016 to strengthen the global response to climate change.

81 **Chuck Greaves** has teamed up with BC Law classmate **Steven Madison** to create a new television series called *Badwater* produced by Luz de Luna Productions LLC and directed by Félix Enríquez Alcalá. The contemporary drama, written by Greaves, is set in the fictional

southwestern town of Goodwater, CO, and focuses on intergenerational conflict, environmental issues, and the relationship between Native Americans and white residents in a town on a reservation border.

84 **Hon. Wilbur P. Edwards Jr.** retired in 2018 as associate justice of the Housing Court Department of the Massachusetts Trial Court after 16 years of service. In 2019 he was appointed by Massachusetts Governor Charles Baker to a five-year term on the State Ethics Commission. He serves as treasurer of the Massachusetts Judges Conference and the Retired Judges Section of the Massachusetts Black Judges Conference; volunteers for the Justice Bridge law incubator at UMass Law; and is clerk of the Museum of Justice in Salem, MA. Edwards is married to BC Law classmate Evelynne L. Swagerty.

Sandra Leung is one of three recipients of the 2020 Diversity and Inclusion Champion Award presented by the New York City Bar Association. She is the executive vice president and general counsel of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, where she leads the worldwide Law Department and is an executive sponsor of its Black Organization for Leadership and Development Resource Group.

Evelynne L. Swagerty retired as assistant general counsel and senior vice president in the litigation practice group at Bank of America in 2017. She is a volunteer supervisor, volunteer guardian ad litem for children, and a board member at Boston CASA Association, an independent nonprofit supporting the juvenile courts in Suffolk and Middlesex (MA) counties.



'70 CLASS YEARS FOR FACE-TO-FACE

There was no in-person graduation ceremony. No customary pomp and circumstance. No opportunity to gather as a class to congratulate each other and say farewell. Yes, this is what happened to the Boston College Law Class of 2020, but it is also what happened fifty years earlier to the Class of 1970.

That year, antiwar demonstrations, student strikes, and the Kent State shootings caused campuses across the country to shut down, including BC, which also meant the cancellation of the Class of 1970 Commencement.

Fifty years later, at last fall's BC Law Reunion, the class planned to gather for the fiftieth anniversary of their non-graduation, only to have the in-person celebration thwarted—again—this time by a world pandemic.

Edward J. Krisor '70 and his wife, Elizabeth, who married right before the start of law school, experienced the double disappointment. As Edward was honored recently by the Colorado Bar Association for practicing law for fifty years, the couple noted a bittersweet irony. "It was a wonderful honor, which then made us reminisce," said Elizabeth. "The Class of 1970 did not have a graduation. . . . Now fifty years later, there is no [face to face] celebration. My, how times have changed."

With the help of modern technology, 1970 alumni did, in fact, meet remotely last November to toast their fiftieth anniversary. They hope to reunite again next fall for a delayed face-to-face celebration, five decades in the making.



MICHELE B. GOODWIN '95

Moniker Internationally acclaimed bioethicist and scholar of health policy and constitutional law discourse at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). **Impact** Her scholarship has forged new ways of thinking about organ transplant policy; assisted reproductive technologies; reproductive health, rights, and justice; and civil liberties. **2020 Hindsight** "Covid-19 has exposed preexisting institutional and infrastructural inequalities in our society. My scholarship, at the intersections of health, bioethics, and constitutional law, identifies those challenges and provides a foundation for understanding how those historical inequalities emerge in medicine, society, and law and what we must do to resolve them."

85 Nicole Mauro is operations manager at Interiology Design Co. in Watertown, MA, an award-winning, full-service interior design firm founded by BC alumnus Mark Haddad, company president.

Tracy Miner, who founded Miner Orkand Siddall LLP in 2019, renamed it Miner Siddall in January following the departure of Seth Orkand. Megan Siddall remained. The rearrangement makes it Boston's only all-woman, white collar defense firm.

86 Eric D. Daniels and his wife, Patricia J. Campanella Daniels, are recipients of the National Conference for Community and Justice 2020 Human Relations Award for their commitment to equity and inclusion in their workplace and community. He is managing partner in the Hartford, CT, office of Robinson & Cole LLP, where he is chair of the firm's product liability practice group and a founding member of its manufacturing industry team. Daniels is secretary of the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees, serves on the boards of iQuilt, MetroHartford Alliance, New Horizons, and United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, and is an honorary director of Hartford's Interval House and a founding member of the organization's Men's Initiative.

88 Frederick S. Lane authored *Cybertraps for Educators 2.0*, a revised edition of his 2015 book designed to help teachers navigate an increasingly digital-based profession. His book *Raising Cyberethical Kids* was published by Mathon Press in July. An attorney, educational consultant, and lecturer, Lane is a recognized expert on privacy and the social impact of emerging technologies.

91 Susan M. Finegan, a partner in the Boston office of Mintz Levin, is the recipient of the inaugural Ralph D. Gants Award for Extraordinary Leadership in Pro Bono Service presented by the Supreme Judicial Court Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services. She also serves as co-chair of the Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission.

92 Gina M. Signorello was named general counsel of Jumio Corporation, headquartered in Palo Alto, CA. She previously held senior leadership roles at Hewlett-Packard Company and Hewlett Packard Enterprise.

93 Hon. Donald J. Cannava Jr. won reelection to a third term as associate administrative judge of the Domestic Violence Division in the Miami-Dade County (FL) Court. He is also an adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

94 Hon. Janet Autherine James-Mahon is the author of *Island Mindfulness* and *The Heart and Soul of Black Women* published in June and September, respectively, by Autherine Publishing. She is founder of the Island Mindful Path to Transformation and an accompanying mentorship program designed to empower women globally. She is an administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration in Orlando, FL, and chief executive officer of Autherine Publishing.

Matthew I. Kupferberg is vice president legal at Digital Medical Technologies LLC in New York, NY, a software and data company that uses its clinically proven technology to improve patient medication adherence.

95 Michele B. Goodwin is the recipient of the 2020-21 Distinguished Senior Faculty Award for Research, the highest honor bestowed by the University of California, Irvine (UCI) Academic Senate. She is UCI's Chancellor's Professor of Law and founding director of the UCI Law Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy and its Reproductive Justice Initiative. Her latest book, *Policing the Womb: Indivisible Women and the Criminalization of Motherhood*, was published by Cambridge University Press in February. She recently launched *Ms.* magazine's first podcast, *On the Issues with Michele Goodwin*.

Pamela M. Keith ran a vigorous but unsuccessful campaign in the Democratic primary for the 18th Congressional District in Florida. She is a former judge advocate in the US Navy and a lawyer with an extensive background in civil rights and labor and employment litigation.

Seema Nanda was among a number of Indian American women named to then-President-elect Joe Biden's transition team. A former US Department of Labor deputy chief, she was appointed to help with the department's transition. She also previously served as the chief executive officer of the Democratic National Committee.

Louisa M. Terrell was named by President-elect Joe Biden as director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs. As part of his transition team, she oversaw congressional affairs. In the Obama-Biden administration she served as assistant to the president for legislative affairs. In between the two administrations, she was deputy general counsel and head of public affairs for McKinsey & Company. She has also held senior policy positions at both Yahoo! and Facebook.

Class Notes

Kathryn A. Thomas is vice president legal and managing counsel at Dunkin' Brands, Inc. in Canton, MA, and concentrates her practice on franchising.

96 Neil Rosenbaum is the director of business development in the Washington, DC, office of Arnold & Porter LLP. He practiced antitrust law for five years following law school and then worked for a legal procurement consulting firm assisting in-house legal departments in their selection of outside law firms.

97 Hon. Tracy A. Catapano-Fox is a judge in the 11th Judicial District of the New York Supreme Court. She was elected to the bench of the Civil Court of the City of New York in Queens County in 2017 and appointed supervising judge of the court in 2020.

Lou Leonard is dean of the Falk School of Sustainability and Environment at Chatham University in Pittsburgh, PA. He was previously a visiting scholar at the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, DC, and vice president for climate and energy at the World Wildlife Fund, where he was involved in negotiations leading to the Paris Agreement on climate change and helped launch partnerships such as the We Are Still In coalition.

Michael D. Thomas is a partner in the Los Angeles, CA, office of Jackson Lewis PC and focuses his practice on

class action and complex litigation, corporate diversity counseling, and workplace training. He was previously a partner in the San Francisco, CA, office of Ogletree Deakins.

98 Geaneen M. Arends, a partner in the Detroit, MI, office of Butzel Long, was named chair of the firm's corporate and finance and real estate practice groups.

Alex F. Mattera is a partner in the Boston office of Pierce Atwood LLP and a member of the firm's bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice group.

Kevin Pearson, director of Corporate Security/Risk Management for Atlanta-based Georgia Power, has been selected to serve on the board of McCarthy Holdings, Inc., the oldest privately held national construction company in the country.

Tracy S. Woodrow is chief human resources officer and a member of the Management Committee at M&T Bank in Buffalo, NY, where she previously served as the Bank Secrecy Act officer. Prior to joining M&T, she was in-house counsel and a senior compliance leader with HSBC Bank USA.

00 Lara Ewens Montecalvo, former assistant public defender and appellate chief, was sworn in as the top public defender in the Rhode Island Public Defender's Office. She is the second woman to hold this position since the office's inception in 1941.

01 Mahvesh A. Qureshi is a partner in the Washington, DC, office of Hogan Lovells. Elected to the firm's Global Board in June, she is also a member of the global tech mergers and acquisitions and the global private equity and funds leadership teams. She has a strong sense of civic responsibility and commitment to global issues and lists Girl Rising, a global campaign for the education and empowerment of girls, among her pro bono representations.

Sonia I. Raman was named an assistant coach for the Memphis Grizzlies basketball team based in Memphis, TN, making her the 14th female assistant coach in the NBA and the second for the Grizzlies. She previously served as MIT's head women's basketball coach for twelve seasons.

02 Alicia Barton was named chief executive officer of FirstLight Power, a renewable clean energy supplier headquartered in Burlington, MA. She was previously president and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. Barton serves on the boards of the Alliance to Save Energy, Greentown Labs, the Environmental League of Massachusetts, Efficiency Forward, and the Advisory Board for New England Women in Energy and Environment.

04 Heather Lowe was named to the list of leaders recommended to the Biden transition team by the Progressive Change Institute. An expert in economic policy, she is legal counsel and director of government affairs at Global Financial Integrity in Washington, DC. Lowe is vice chair of the Financial Transparency Coalition and a member of the Steering Committee of the



MAHVESH A. QURESHI '01

Day Job Counsels clients in her global corporate practice at Hogan Lovells on a range of US and cross-border transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, divestitures, carve-outs, and strategic investments. **A Day in Her Life, Pre-Pandemic** "Living out of a suitcase, coming home for a day or two before going to my next destination." **And Now?** "Working remotely from home is the longest I have been in one place in my professional life. I see my children (ages twelve and six) every day, and we have enjoyed more games of Uno and dinners together as a family than I can remember." **Silver Lining** "To be able to achieve those small, memorable daily moments while keeping up an active practice is wonderful. I wouldn't have thought it was possible, but thanks to technology, it's easier than ever."

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NOTICE

On November 5, 2021, the Alumni Association will hold its Alumni Board meeting and Annual Assembly meeting at Boston College Law School. Elections for 2022 Alumni Board members will be held during these events. Anyone who has volunteered for BC Law between June 2020 and November 2021 is eligible to vote. Please visit bc.edu/lawalumni for more information about the association and this election.

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NICHOLAS P. PAVLIDIS '04

Why the Books He Ghostwrites are Best Sellers "I use the same skills I honed as an attorney to blend story, facts, and other relevant factors into content that positions my [Authority Ghostwriting] clients for success." **Preternatural Proficiency** "As lawyers, we spend years creating clear, purpose-driven content. From litigators writing to persuade a judge or influence the actions of an opposing party to a transactional attorney drafting agreements to memorialize complex business relationships, lawyers are uniquely positioned to connect writing with future results." **His Secret Sauce** "I help clients become recognized authorities in their industries by creating content while at the same time helping them build relationships with key influencers and prospects in their sectors." **Book Genres in His Wheelhouse** "Mostly, business, marketing, and personal growth."

Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency Coalition.

Nicholas P. Pavlidis is founder of Authority Ghostwriting and the Ghostwriter School. He and his team of writers help growth-minded thought leaders increase their impact by using a proprietary content-creation process to write and publish books, articles, and other content. His nonfiction books have made multiple appearances on the bestseller lists of the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and Amazon.

05 Steven J. Boyajian is counsel in the Providence, RI, office of Robinson & Cole LLP and a member of the firm's bankruptcy and reorganizations group. He volunteers with the RI Bar Association's Elderly Pro Bono Program and is a member of the Town Council of Barrington, RI.

Jennifer Briggs Fisher is a partner in the San Francisco, CA, office of Goodwin Procter LLP and is a member of the firm's litigation and cannabis practice groups. Previously, she was a partner and leader of the cannabis industry group at Duane Morris LLP in San Francisco.

Hon. Elizabeth Gunn was appointed a US bankruptcy judge for the District of Columbia and is the first woman to hold this position. She was previously an assistant AG for the Commonwealth of Virginia's Office of the Attorney General and the bankruptcy specialist in the Department of Social Services Division of Child Support Enforcement. Gunn is a director-at-large of the local International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation.

06 Molly Fox was elevated to partner at WilmerHale in Boston, where she is a transactional and corporate lawyer.

Hon. Whitney M. Rivera was confirmed as Edmonds (WA) Municipal Court judge. He was previously an attorney with the Snohomish County Public Defender Association in Everett, WA.

08 Toni Ann Kruse and her husband, Jonathan Richard, welcomed a son, Langston Kruse Richard, in January 2019. Kruse is an equity partner in the New York, NY, office of McDermott Will & Emery LLP and practices in the private client group.

09 Brian M. Awe was named to the 2020 "Fifty Under 40" list of rising stars in the US commercial real estate industry by *GlobeSt. Real Estate Forum*. He is a partner in the Boston office of DLA Piper.

Kevin Neubauer, a partner in the New York, NY, office of Seward & Kissel LLP, was selected as a 2020 "Rising Star" by *Private Debt Investor* and is one of only ten lawyers named to the list of forty honorees.

10 Michael D. Brier, an associate in the Boston office of Gesmer Updegrove LLP, was selected to co-present the "Employment Law Update," a Zoom seminar hosted by the New England Corporate Counsel Association in September.

Raghav Kohli was promoted to director and assistant general counsel at Waymo LLC (formerly the Google Self-Driving Car Project). He leads a team of attorneys focused on the drafting, negotiation, and execution of commercial and technology transactions supporting Waymo's mission to make it safe for people and things to get where they're going.

Victoria "Tori" M. Santoro Mair, a litigation partner at Boston-based

Meehan, Boyle, Black & Bogdanow PC, was elected secretary of the Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) for 2020-'21. She is a member of the MBA's Executive Management Board, House of Delegates, and Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Scholarship Committee. She regularly presents at national legal conferences and contributes to legal publications and blogs, including the ABA's *Law Technology Today* blog and *I Am That Girl* online community.

Elizabeth Monnin-Browder is a partner at Hirsch Roberts Weinstein LLP in Boston and focuses her employment law practice on litigation, training, and counseling. She is a member of the Boston Bar Association, serves on the Massachusetts Bar Association's Labor and Employment Section Council, was selected for the Women's Bar Association 2020 Women's Leadership Initiative, and is a member of the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association.

Drew W. Morgan is a stand-up comic, writer, and actor. He and his two writing and comedy partners, who perform political satire internationally as wellRED Comedy, are co-authors of the best-selling political humor book, *The Liberal Redneck Manifesto*, and recently sold a pilot to ABC. His sketches have been featured on Comedy Central, and he has been featured on MTV, *The View*, and the Funny or Die comedy video website co-founded by Will Ferrell.

11 Sean G. Kelly is an associate at Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson PA in Minneapolis, MN. He previously spent eight years as a judge advocate on active duty in the US Army.

Joshua C. Kushner is senior litigation counsel in the Miami, FL, office of PGMBM. Previously, he was a litigator at Kobre & Kim LLP in Fort Lauderdale. Since 2018, he has been

instrumental in the recovery of more than \$60 million for clients across various practice areas.

Giselle S. Rivers, a partner in the Boston office of Cooley LLP, is a member of the firm's corporate practice and represents high growth companies in the technology, media, fashion, ecommerce, and consumer product industries.

Michael J. Rohr is a partner in the Boston office of Cooley LLP and a member of the firm's corporate practice.

12 Sophia L. Hall, supervising attorney at Lawyers for Civil Rights, was appointed to the Task Force on Ensuring Police Accountability established by the Boston Bar Association in response to the police killing of George Floyd and subsequent protests. Previously a staff attorney with AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, she currently serves on the Boston Bar Journal Board of Editors and as chair of the Women of Color Committee for the Women's Bar Association.

Susan Groden McDonald and her husband, Tucker, welcomed their first child, Abigail Ann McDonald, in December 2019.

13 Bryan P. Barash, general counsel for Massachusetts Senate President

Emerita Harriette Chandler, is campaigning in a special election in Ward 2 of the Newton (MA) City Council. He worked on Barack Obama's presidential campaign, followed by stints with New Mexico Senator Tom Udall, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Representative Joe Kennedy, and the presidential campaigns of Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden. He is a member of the Newton Human Rights Commission and chapter co-leader of Progressive Newton.

17 James Bor-Zale and his wife, Kristen, announce the September birth of their son, Luke Guo-Ding Bor-Zale. Bor-Zale is an associate in the Boston office of Wilmer Hale.

Ryan M. Rosenblatt is a recipient of the 2020 Denis Maguire Pro Bono Award presented by the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association. He is an associate in the Boston office of Sullivan and Worcester and focuses his practice in the areas of litigation, bankruptcy and restructuring, and employment counseling and litigation.

Michael L. Thomas is an associate and a member of the corporate, business, and tax practice at Rubin and Rudman LLP in Boston. He represents clients in corporate, transactional, and intellectual property matters and provides legal support

for startups as well as established companies in all aspects of their business operations.

18 Wagner N. Soto is an associate in the Boston office of Greenberg Traurig LLP, where he is a member of the banking and financial services practice and represents lenders and borrowers in connection with debt financing transactions.

19 Lauren V. Rossman joined the Innocence Program at the BC Law Center for Experiential Learning as a fellow. She received the 2019 Adams Pro Bono Publico Award from the state Supreme Judicial Court for her prior work with the program to win reversal of a murder conviction of a man incarcerated nearly 20 years.

Landon D. Stinson is co-founder of Candle, a technology startup creating enterprise software for the legal industry. The company's first product, Candle Request, is an automated medical record retrieval and lien tracking software, currently featured on the Clio App Directory.

20 Sarah E. Carlow joined the BC Law Center for Experiential Learning as a fellow working with the Innocence Program and Prosecution clinics.



DREW W. MORGAN '10

Former Gig A public defender in Miami and Knoxville before developing the satirical act wellRED Comedy. **Fodder for His Comedic Material** Growing up in a small town in rural Tennessee on the outskirts of Appalachia and his experiences living in Australia, Boston, Miami, and now New York. **First Agent** His wife who got him started in comedy by signing him up for a competition. **Advice for Pursuing Dreams** Believe the opportunity will come and start to act—if you believe it, you will be prepared for it.

IN MEMORIAM

John J. Carroll '41
Alfred H. Rosen '41
John J. Graham '46
Louis W. Diegoli '49
Arthur J. F. Doyle '49
Joseph A. Duffy '49
Ronald P. Corbett '51
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John P. Davey '55

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John F. Healy '57
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John J. McCarthy '57
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Paul Kenneally '60

Andrew C. Schultz '62
Ernest T. Smith '62
Norman Baker '63
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Evelyn L. Greenwald '68
Kenneth R. Neal '69

Jacek A. Wysocki '69
Gerald S. Cohen '70
John Peter Miller '73
Cornelius J. Sullivan '73
Thomas M. Saunders '78
Melvin Nash '82
Edward L. Toro '82
Virginia Stanton Smith '84

John P. Walker '85
David F. McCarthy '86
Anne Marie Tippet '86
Kevin J. Curtin '88
Kristin Pilar Muniz '88
Maureen O'Halloran RSCJ '90
Brian William Hicks '98
Chris Horner '11



REUNION 2020

On with the Show

There was no stopping the enthusiasm for a virtual Reunion 2020.

BY VICKI SANDERS AND AUSTIN CHANDLER

BC Law's 2020 Reunion may have been all-remote, but it spanned eight days of jam-packed programming. The event brought more than 300 alumni from classes ending in 5 and 0 into virtual face-to-face conversations with beloved professors Daniel Coquillette and Robert Bloom '71, high tea with Ingrid Hillinger, bar reviews, and a mindfulness class with Filippa Anzalone. The Alumni Association held its annual board meeting and elected new officers; the Black Alumni Network also did so a few days after Reunion (see election results, above right).

Concluding the reunion programming was a state-of-the-school address by Dean Vincent Rougeau, who recently was named inaugural director of the Boston College Forum on Racial Justice in America, and a reunion keynote speech by Barack Obama advisor David Simas '95.

A key message of Rougeau's presentation was the Law School's progress in creating a more diverse culture. He offered as examples the hiring of Lisa Brathwaite as Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclu-

◀ Obama Foundation CEO David Simas '95 gave the Reunion 2020 keynote, saying, "I can think of no one better than people who have gone through Boston College Law School—with the ethos and the values that it has—to be part of [the] solution" to America's divisions.

ALUMNI BOARD and BAN ELECTIONS

Norah Wylie '79 was elected President of the Alumni Board in November during the all-remote Reunion Weekend 2020. The Law School's former Associate Dean for Students for fifteen years and an assistant professor of Legal Reasoning, Research, and Writing, Wylie succeeds Stephen Riden '99 as head of the board. The other new executive officers are Robert Raskopf '76, President-elect; Esther Chang '07, Vice President; Philip Privitera '95, Secretary; and Michelle Limaj '07, Treasurer.

Board directors serving two-year terms are Adam Baker '08, Jon Brooks '99, Jennifer Creedon '97, Elizabeth Cremens '74, Brian Dunphy '07, Susan Farina '94, Barbara Foster '82, Elizabeth Freeman '88, Sandra Jesse '81, Jane Kourtis '89, Yolanda Lyle '01, Mark Michalowski '85, Robert Peabody '83, and Jeffrey Somers '68.

The Black Alumni Network convened on November 21, shortly after Reunion. James Jones '04 was elected President and Director, succeeding Mercedes Evans '78. The other executive officers are Arianne Waldron '14, First Vice President and Director; Rodline Louijeune '17, Second Vice President and Director; and Chad McDaniel '14, Treasurer and Director. BAN board directors are Earl Adams '02, Alisa Drayton '02, D'Andre Fernandez '10, Taylor Green '18, Leslie Harris '84, Michelle Long '89, Rosaline Valcimond '05, Charles Walker '78, and Ruth-Arlene Howe '74, Director Emerita.

sion Programs during the fall semester and the current search for a senior-level faculty member whose scholarly interests focus on racial justice.

His contention that such actions are part of a greater need to heal divisions across the land, set the stage for Simas, CEO of the Obama Foundation and a frequent speaker at BC Law on themes of healing, unity, leadership, and commitment to service.

"The common enemy for Democrats, Republicans, and Independents is not each other," Simas said in his reunion keynote. "Covid and this dark winter...are the common enemy. There are hundreds of thousands of Americans who are dying; the economy is shut down; we need to fix this first. That is where I think there is an opening for unity."

Simas believes Americans are looking at a multi-year, decades-long, institutional reform period. The period will require a fundamental rethink of the way democracy works in the United

States, specifically, the way elections are structured and the way people govern and engage with one another.

He went on to suggest that at the heart of any realistic solution to current problems is civic leadership. "Our North Star is all around civic leadership," Simas argued. To hammer home his point, he quoted former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, for whom he once worked, in saying, "You can lead in one of two ways: by having people turn to each other or by having people turn on each other."

Simas's final call to action was directed at the Boston College Law School community, which, in his eyes, has a special responsibility. In argument, consensus, and reason, "we can demonize the idea, but never, ever the person," he said to his rapt reunion audience. "I can think of no one better than people who have gone through Boston College Law School—with the ethos and the values that it has—to be part of [the] solution."



The late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Were You There?

Seeking alums who attended 1974 Women and the Law class with RBG.



Shortly after Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's

death last September, Janice Campbell '74 wrote to BC Law School Dean Vincent Rougeau with a reminiscence and an inquiry. In 1973-1974, Campbell

was among a group of female third-year students who wanted a Women and the Law course. A professor agreed to sponsor the course if they would

research and teach it. They did so for a semester. One of the guest lecturers was Ginsburg, then the ACLU's general counsel, who discussed a casebook she was writing on women in the law, Campbell said.

In retrospect, the course was historic not only for Ginsburg's appearance, but also because it was on the cusp of a trend sweeping the country—Campbell's class entered BC Law in 1971, the year that the number of women enrolled jumped from fifteen to fifty. "The Law School was amaz-

ing, friendly, and accommodating," Campbell wrote, "even for those of us with young children."

Four of the course organizers who had been meeting on Zoom during the pandemic began trying to recall who was in the Women and the Law class when Ginsburg spoke. Campbell emailed the dean to ask where they might turn for answers. "If we knew, we might try to all get together to remember Justice Ginsburg," and to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the "extraordinary increase" of women students at BC Law, she said.

In response, the Law School is inviting anyone who was part of that memorable moment to contact Kelsey Brogna, associate director of alumni class and school engagement, at bc.edu/lawalumni or 617-552-8524.

TRIBUTE

A MAN OF KINDNESS

When news of Kevin Curtin's death from a heart attack on December 10 reached Boston College Law School, the community responded with an outpouring of stories and remembrances. As Professor George Brown said of the senior appellate counsel and grand jury director for the Middlesex District Attorney and adjunct professor, "Kevin lit up a class. When discussion lagged, as it sometimes does, he would pick up the thread and lead us all, sometimes in new directions. It was a joy to be his teacher and his friend."

A graduate of the class of 1988, Curtin's

ties to the Law School were longstanding. The BC Law Curtin Center for Public Interest Law is named for his father, John "Jack" Jr. '57, and mother, Mary Daly. As a former President of the Alumni Board, active volunteer, and adjunct professor, he quickly came running, full of kindness and ideas, when called upon by a student, professor, or staff member for assistance.

"He was so steady and always helped out. His well of generosity and support on a personal level, and on a wider community level, for BC and for our profession, was endless," said Professor Evangeline Sarda. "And his voice, his gaze, and his presence—you

felt he was always right there with you."

In his career, Curtin served as a judicial clerk for US District Court Judge William G. Young; a teacher at Boston College, University of Virginia, and Harvard law schools; a law reform consultant to the Republic of Uzbekistan; a vice chair of the American Bar Association Criminal

Justice Council; and won prizes like the ABA Norm Maleng Minister of Justice Award.

To many in his personal and professional circles, he was without peer. "Kevin represented the absolute best of us," said Professor Daniel Kanstroom. And, added Associate Dean Heather Hayes: "His light clearly lives on in all of us."



Kevin Curtin '88

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John Kerry '76 Former US Senator and Secretary of State John Kerry is President Biden's Special Presidential Envoy for Climate. A force for America's climate policy, Kerry was chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 2009, where he chaired hearings and negotiated legislation on climate change. In 2015, he signed the Paris Climate Agreement on behalf of the US to reduce carbon emissions.

Louisa Terrell '95 From Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs in the Obama-Biden administration to Executive Director of the Biden Foundation to member of the Biden-Harris legislative affairs transition team, and now to White House Director of Legislative Affairs, Louisa Terrell has long been a presence in the halls of Washington, DC. Other experiences include congressional stints with Senators Biden and Cory Booker, and as public affairs consultant at McKinsey and Company.

Michael Hochman '95 As a member of the White House Office of the Staff Secretary, Michael Hochman aids in preparing the daily briefing book and ensuring that details regarding actions, speeches, events, correspondence, and press releases are adequately vetted. A University of Pennsylvania classmate and friend of the late Beau Biden, Hochman previously was involved in several state and national political campaigns and practiced as a commercial and corporate litigator at the Delaware firm Monzack, Mersky Browder Hochman.

Seema Nanda '95 Seema Nanda was a member of Biden's transition team working with the US Department of Labor, where she had previously served under Secretary Tom Perez. She was also the first Indian American to be appointed CEO of the Democratic National Committee and served two years before stepping down in 2020.

Footnote In November, Heather Lowe '04, director of government affairs and legal counsel at Global Financial Integrity, found herself on the Progressive Change Institute's list of recommended hires to Biden's transition team (along with BC Law Professor Hiba Hafiz). As an economic expert, she focuses on anti-corruption and anti-money laundering policy.

Advancing Excellence

DONOR PROFILE

One of Their Favorite Things

The Huvelle family celebrates its fondness for BC Law with a scholarship.

BY JILL CASERIA

➤ **Four-year-old Charlie Huvelle** has a lot of favorites. But there are two extra-special things in his world that make him really happy.

First, he's got a really special grandfather. Pops takes him kayaking in one of Royal Oak, Maryland's creeks with his mother and his younger sister and sometimes his dad, Justin, a Boston College graduate. Charlie waves to his G-ma from the creek—and she waves back.

Second, he's got a really special shirt. So special, that when he puts it on, he can't help but share his excitement about how that shirt makes him feel. As soon as the maroon and gold crewneck slips over his head and stretches over his body, he takes off running, shouting, "Boston College Eagle! Boston College Eagle!"

Charlie's G-ma and Pops—Judge Ellen Huvelle '75, senior judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and Jeffrey Huvelle, a DC litigator—share in their grandson's enthusiasm for the University, especially BC Law. Their dedication for more than forty years includes their longtime support of the Law School Fund and Ellen's fifteen years on BC Law's Board of Overseers and the Dean's Advisory Board.

Over the summer, Ellen and Jeffrey expanded their commitment by creating the Huvelle Family Endowed Scholarship at BC Law. Their decision to endow this scholarship stems from their motivation to reduce the financial burden of law students at a time when many are affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, and build upon the growing community of BC Law alumni in the DC-Maryland-Virginia



Dean Rougeau with members of the Huvelle family at Law Day 2019, left to right: Dale Rosen, Justin Huvelle, Jeffrey Huvelle, Ellen Huvelle, Dean Rougeau, Nikki Milberg, and Terry Segal

"BC's emphasis on making sure its alumni are trying to make the world a better place is really an indication of the University's willingness to address social justice issues and to articulate that as part of its core mission."

JEFFREY HUVELLE

region. Additionally, they want to help the Law School continue to attract the best and brightest, particularly students who will go on to effect change in government and to protect civil and human rights.

Providing this access to education reflects the Huvelles' compassionate spirit, says Dean Vincent Rougeau. "Financial aid packages can be pivotal in enrollment decisions for many students. Ellen and Jeff's generosity will make a profound impact on the choices our students have now and for generations to come. All of BC Law is grateful for their commitment."

Ellen especially values how the BC Law curriculum places an emphasis on service and experiential learning, connecting students with opportunities in the local community as early as their first year in the program. "Today,

that community experience is truly essential," she says. "The more that students get to see the world and different aspects of law, the more prepared they are when they graduate."

"BC's emphasis on making sure its alumni are trying to make the world a better place is really an indication of the University's willingness to address social justice issues and to articulate that as part of its core mission," adds Jeffrey.

Ellen and Jeffrey can't wait to meet the first recipient of the Huvelle Family Scholarship. They may even have an opportunity to introduce the student to all four of their grandchildren.

And that just might add one more Boston College treat to Charlie's world that would make him really happy.

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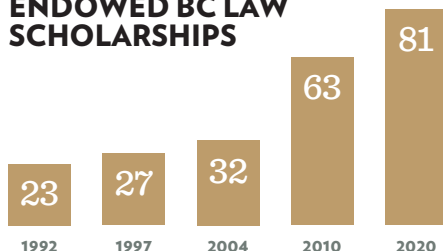
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JULIA SUAVE

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



DESTINY'S CHILDREN

How saving Tijuana orphans landed Julia Sauve at BC Law.

In the fall of 2020, amidst the global pandemic that cast a shadow of economic uncertainty over many Americans, Boston College launched the one-year Be a Beacon campaign to double down on its commitment to financial aid and to ensure that many of the promising students who journey here each year are still able to attend.

As part of that effort, Boston College Law School hosted a virtual conversation open to all alumni to highlight the heightened need of our law students. The talk featured Dean Vincent Rougeau, Boston College trustee Marianne Short '76, Jim Champy '68, and two students who are the beneficiaries of financial support. Here, second-year student and recipient of the Francis D. Privitera '56 Law Scholarship Julia Sauve '22 talks about how she arrived at BC Law and how her future has been shaped by her time on campus.

JULIA SAUVE, IN HER OWN WORDS

I graduated from Boston College in 2014, but my path back to attend law school was anything but a straight line. It started about nine years ago during one of my college summers when I worked in an orphanage and school in Tanzania. Teachers sharpened pencils with pocket knives. The school had no water or plumbing. This was one of my first experiences with children living in extreme poverty. The image of the impoverished child was quickly imprinted in my mind, and it was

one I would not easily forget.

Two years later, I spent nine months in an orphanage in Vietnam, where I helped the house staff change diapers and feed and bathe the toddlers and babies. In the afternoons, I tutored math and English inside a few tiny windowless rooms.

When I came back home, I worked briefly for a former BC professor doing paralegal work at a family law firm in Boston, but I still felt a strong desire to do more. I was drawn to the US-Mexico border region, as

I knew this was an area that many support organizations and foreign volunteers stayed away from due to its reputation for crime and violence.

I ended up at an orphanage in Tijuana, and my first visit there was shocking. Yet despite the squalor and disarray, I knew immediately that this was where I needed to be. I ended up staying for two-and-a-half years, during which time I came to realize that the troubles were even darker than I had originally thought, in the form of exploitation and sexual abuse of the children. After seeking out the necessary help to get this operation shut down, I opened a new home for the children to live in while we found them longer term care.

I obtained my Mexican residency, found a facility, furnished it, hired house staff, and organized transportation, medical, and educational needs. Although I never would have imagined it, at twenty-five years old I actually had temporary legal custody of children in Mexico, none of whom spoke English, and virtually all of whom had had a traumatic life to date.

Passion fuels drive, and these experiences have fixed within me a deep sense of responsibility for the world's young people and a desire for justice on their behalf. I left Tijuana with a wish to supplement my passion with the knowledge and skills that would enable me to make more meaningful change.

Back in Boston, I only applied to one law school—BC Law. I was intent on making my dream a reality. I couldn't feel more grateful to be here, and my experience as a student only reaffirms that this is where I am meant to be. However, none of it would be possible without the support I have received. I am a recipient of the generosity of others, and I hope to use the opportunities provided by my degree to extend similar benevolence going forward.

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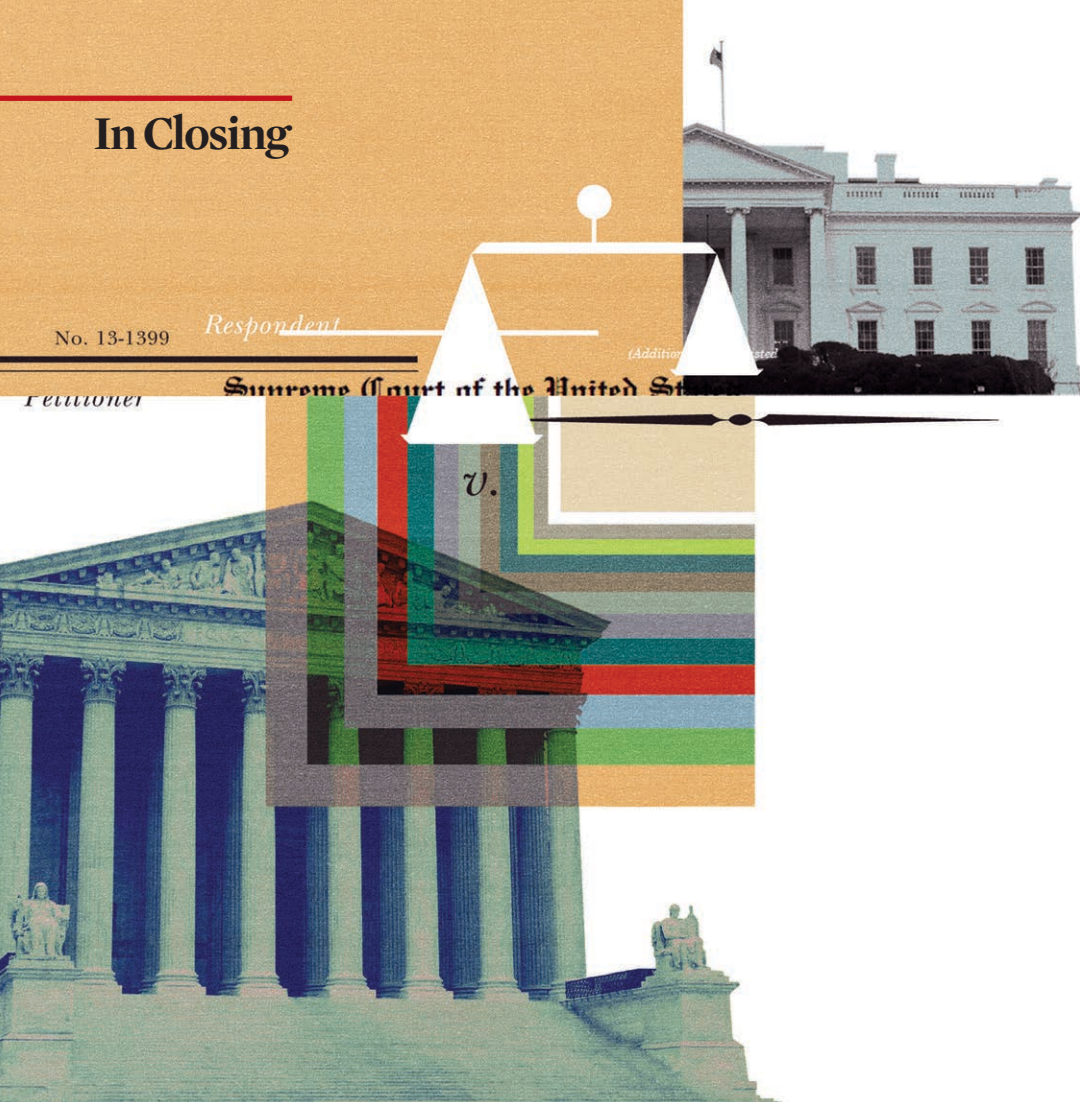
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Courting Change

To save SCOTUS, let's create another one. BY PROFESSOR KENT GREENFIELD

The Supreme Court needs saving. Trump politicized the Court like never before. And Republican presidents have picked sixteen out of the last twenty justices, though the Democrats have won more votes in seven of the last eight presidential contests. ¶ I love the court. I clerked there. I teach about it and I authored a treatise about it. But it is now diminished. The Supreme Court has become too partisan and unbalanced to trust it with deciding our most important issues. ¶ The way to save the court is to create another one. The United States should join scores of other nations, including Germany and France, and create a specialized court to decide constitutional questions.

The United States Constitutional Court would be made up of judges from other federal courts, selected by the president from a slate generated by a bipartisan commission to create legitimacy and balance. The judges would serve limited terms, then return to their previous courts. Staggered terms would guarantee each president several appointments.

A special constitutional court can be achieved by statute, and it is unquestionably constitutional. Congress is squarely within its authority to create a constitutional court, just as it has created the federal courts of appeals, the district courts, and the United States Court of International Trade. Congress also has control, as the Constitution's Article

III makes clear, over the Supreme Court's jurisdiction to review lower courts' decisions. Its appellate authority is subject to "such exceptions, and under such regulations as the Congress shall make." Historically, Congress has taken advantage of this power, making major adjustments to the scope of the court's appellate review as recently as 1988.

How would the new court get its cases? With few exceptions, the Supreme Court now hears only those cases it chooses. Most of them—about two-thirds—turn on federal statutes or regulations. Those cases would remain at the Court. If the Court gets them wrong, Congress can respond.

But the Court's constitutional mistakes cannot so easily be rectified, nor can the taint of partisanship that now accompanies them. Congress can require the Supreme Court to refer cases it accepts that raise constitutional questions to the constitutional court. This would mimic the main structural benefit of Supreme Court supremacy—establishing a national uniformity in matters of constitutional rights and authority.

Congress could also amend an existing law allowing lower courts to ask the Supreme Court for advice on constitutional questions embedded in pending cases. Instead, the constitutional questions could be referred to the Constitutional Court and then returned to the referring court after resolution. The new court should have an even number of judges, ensuring it would never rule with a bare majority. When the constitutional court did reach a decision, Congress could limit the Supreme Court's ability to hear an appeal unless a super majority of justices, seven of nine, voted to hear it. (Now it takes only four votes to hear a case.) Congress could also create a sunset provision for the court—twenty years perhaps, after which the court would terminate unless Congress renewed it. In the meantime, we can reform the Senate's confirmation process to rebuild the Supreme Court's legitimacy.

The Supreme Court needs a breather—a chance to reboot. The United States Constitutional Court would provide that.

Adapted and slightly updated from the New York Times.

Q & A



Hearsay: Talking about BC Law

A series of profound life events during the pandemic put love, purpose, and legacy into perspective for Peter Schilling, civil rights attorney and environmentalist.

Why did you choose to study at BC Law? Growing up in the Pine Barrens, a large forested area in New Jersey, I could fish and walk all day and not see another human being. I loved the outdoors, but I didn't have a clear sense of what I wanted to do. As an undergrad at Lehigh, where I studied journalism, politics, and business, one of my professors knew Robert F. Drinan, SJ, former dean of BC Law, and saw something in me that I hadn't yet realized. When I went to visit the green, beautiful campus, I knew it was the right place for me.

Which BC Law professors made the biggest impact on you? Zyg Plater, Buzzy Baron, and Bob Bloom served as powerful

examples of what was possible. They helped us realize what we could do in the world and what our reach could be. Professor Plater would tell us, "Go out and cast your nets; trust yourself to do the right thing; do what your heart tells you to do." My heart was always in the outdoors. Although I pursued civil rights law for my career, my pro bono work has been focused on the climate, working with Trout Unlimited and playing a lead role in getting the Rivers Protection Act passed in Massachusetts. BC Law helped me find my path and gave me the ability to complete a life mission I didn't know was there.

**With
PETER SCHILLING '85**

What led you to make a bequest to BC Law? Over the past ten months, my wife Roberta and I have experienced significant highs and lows. After getting married in the spring, and living through the nightmare of Roberta's mom's death shortly after, we updated our wills. I considered the things that made a significant impact on my life, and BC Law was it. I want to give back to BC Law so students continue to graduate with a sense of mission and purpose to make the world a better place.

Do you still find time to be outdoors? We have a garden and I clam at the beach in Falmouth, Massachusetts. Fishing is still a big part of my life. We have a fishing camp on the Matapedia River in Quebec, where I have spent a good part of every summer since the 1990s. The fish in the photo here is probably 20 pounds. It's one of my favorite pictures. No faking that smile.

Peter's decision to include BC Law in his estate plan allows us to celebrate his generosity during his lifetime through membership in the Shaw Society. For more information, please visit bc.edu/joinshaw.

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